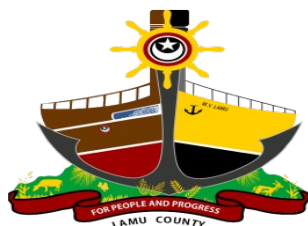


COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 30th October, 2025

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Communication From the Chair

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, I have the following communication to make: -

Honorable Members, our Sitting this afternoon is privileged by a delegation from Lake Kenyatta Primary School. This includes teaching staff together with the school parents and students.

Honorable Members, Lake Kenyatta Primary School is from Bahari Ward. This is a learning visit requested by the said school and for the exposure on County Assembly proceedings.

Honorable Members, the delegation consists of 8 teachers and 104 students.

Honorable Members, may I now recognize the delegation from Lake Kenyatta Primary School Bahari Ward. May I take this opportunity to welcome the delegation to the County Assembly of Lamu.

Honorable Members, on behalf of County Assembly of Lamu I wish to give a warm welcome to all delegates from Lake Kenyatta Primary School. Once again, feel welcome and enjoy your stay here. Honorable Gakonga.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii niweze kuwakaribisha walimu na wanafunzi ambao wametoka shule ya Lake Kenyatta kuja kutembea hapa Bungeni. Bwana Naibu Spika, napenda kupongeza usimamizi wa shule hiyo ambayo inaongozwa na mwalimu kwa jina Ogutu kwa kukaa chini na kufikiria na kuona ya kwamba ni jambo la busara kuwaleta wanafunzi hapa Bungeni ili kujifunza mambo ambayo yanaendelea hapa Bungeni.

Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kuwaambia wanafunzi ya kwamba hata sisi tulikuwa wanafunzi kama wao tukatia bidii masomoni ndiposa tuko hapa kama Wawakilishi Wadi. Kwa hivyo ninaamini ya kwamba siku zijazo baadhi yao watakuwa Waheshimiwa kama sisi na wengine wataweza kuwania viti tofauti tofauti vilivyosajiliwa na Taifa letu la Kenya.

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Members who are in this House. We are very grateful that our Chamber today has been graced by Lake Kenyatta Primary School in Bahari Ward. The MCA in charge has just finishing congratulating the teachers and stakeholders of Lake Kenyatta Primary School. On behalf of ladies or women gender top up I wish to welcome you very much. Am sure that you are going to learn more and thank you for choosing to come to Lamu County Assembly and to the teachers thank you for getting time.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Thank you Honorable Gakonga and Honorable Beatrice.

Honorable Members, may I take this opportunity to convey a message from His Excellency the Governor to the Assembly regarding nomination for the appointment of the two County Executive Committee Members for Fisheries, Blue Economy, Livestock and Co-operative Development Ms. Sabrina Mkare Jefwa of Id Number 38282009 via a letter Ref No. CGL/O. G/ 1/11/VOL.1/43 dated 21st October 2025.

And second County Executive Committee Member for ICT, E-Government and Citizen Participation Ms Aisha Shariff Omar of Id Number 23955319 via letter Ref No. CGL/O. G/ 1/11/VOL.1/43 dated 21st October 2025.

Further, I inform the Assembly that pursuant to Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the County Assembly should expedite the approval hearings of the nominee.

I therefore refer the names of the nominees to the relevant Committee to conduct approval hearings.

The above have been nominated by His Excellency the Governor pursuant to section 58(2) of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 the Governor is required to nominate a person for appointment as a County Executive Committee Member and with approval of the County Assembly.

Honorable Members, having been forwarded to the County Assembly, the Assembly therefore obligated to conduct approval hearings and make determination of the nominee's suitability or otherwise has provided under the provisions of the public appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017.

Therefore, I refer the names of the nominees and their curriculum to the Committee of Appointment for vetting.

Honorable Members, Pursuant to Section 7(1)(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, Committees have fourteen days (14) to convene to discuss the nominations through the "Communication from the Chair of the 30th October 2025" that committed the names of the nominees to the respective Committees for vetting Section 7(1)(2) reads: -

7. Approval Hearing

- (1) Following the receipt of the notification of nomination under section 6(3) (b), the Speaker shall report the receipt of the notification to the County Assembly, following which the notification shall be committed to the relevant Committee of the Assembly.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the Chair of the Committee shall determine the time and place for the holding of the approval hearing which shall not be later than fourteen days (14) from the date of the committal of the notification to the Committee.

Honorable Members, Pursuant to Section 9 (1)(2) Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, a Committee has within twenty-one (21) days from the date on which the Committee first sits to consider nomination, conduct the vetting process and present Committee report. In our case, for the Committee sat on Tuesday, 3rd December 2025.

I quote Section 9(1)(2) here: -

9. Period for consideration and report

- (1) unless otherwise provided in any law, a Committee consider a nomination and table its report in the County Assembly for debate

and decision within 21 days from the date on which the Committee

first sitting to consider the nomination.

(2) At the conclusion of an approval hearing, the Committee shall prepare its report on the suitability of the candidates to be appointed to the Office to which the candidate has been nominated and shall include in the report such as recommendations as the Committee may consider necessary, including a recommendation on whether or not the nominee should be approved for appointment to the public office.

Honorable Members, the law required the nominees be given at least seven days before they are called for the vetting interviews. Looking at time I will suggest to the Chairs of the two Departmental Committees that, the two Committees conduct the vetting exercise on Tuesday 2nd December, 2025 respectively. The Committee can proceed to travel to Mombasa from Friday for report writing and ready for the presentation to the House.

Honorable Members, consideration of the House on the Committee reports has to moved forward on or before 16th December 2025 consequently, the reports of the Committee must be presented to the Assembly for either approval or rejection.

Honorable Members, therefore at this point I direct the Appointment Committee to consider extensive public participation as provided for in Article 118 of the Constitution as well as the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. I further advice the Committee to conclude its report and submit the same to the Assembly to enable timely within the stipulated timelines.

Honorable Members, I therefore direct and wish the Appointment Committee wisdom and resource to effectively and expediently reach conclusion on the matter guided by total fidelity to the law and taking into account the larger interest of the County and its people.

Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

DETERIORATING SANITARY CONDITION AND INEFFECTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AT THE MPEKETONI FRESH PRODUCE MARKET

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to standing order 41(2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Health Services, Sanitation and Environment on matters pertaining to the deteriorating sanitary condition and ineffective waste management at the Mpeketoni fresh produce market.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, over the past several weeks, the Mpeketoni fresh produce market has continued to experience serious accumulation of uncollected solid waste and blockage of storm water drainage systems. This situation has created an unhygienic condition characterized by foul smell, stagnant water and an increased risk of disease outbreaks, particularly during rainy season.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is important to note that traders and residents operating within the market, faithfully pay markets levies and other County taxes yet the expected waste collection services have not been provided. This raises legitimate concerns about accountability and efficiency within the relevant Departments tasked with public sanitation and waste management. The continued neglect of this market one of the busiest and most economically significant centers in Lamu County

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undermines both the health and dignity of our people as well as eroding public confidence in service delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, in light of the above, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Sanitation and Environment on the following: -

1. What immediate steps is the Department of health services, sanitation and environment taking to clear the accumulated waste within and around Mpeketoni market?
2. What measures are in place to unlock and rehabilitate storm water drainage channels to prevent flooding and stagnant water?
3. Why have the waste collection services in Mpeketoni continued to lack behind despite residents and traders paying markets levies and cess?
4. What plans are in place to restore a regular and reliable waste collection schedule for Mpeketoni and other urban centers within Lamu County?
5. What long term strategies does the County Government have to ensure sustainable solid waste management and environmental sanitation?

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this is a matter of urgent public concern and requires immediate intervention to protect the public health and restore confidence in County service delivery.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika kwa vile hii leo tunafunga Bunge kwa kipindi kifupi ningepomba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili tukizingatia ya kwamba jambo hili ni muhimu sana kufuatiliwa.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Hope are you satisfied with two weeks?

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Chair has said we are going for a recess of two weeks, so my request is that he should bring the response immediately we resume.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

STATEMENT RESPONSE

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I raised to respond to a statement made on 9th October 2025 by Member for Hindi Ward, MCA James Njaaga Kariuki on matters compensation of people affected by the LAPSSET Corridor (tarmac road) project.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to respond as follows: -

The County Government of Lamu acknowledges receipt of your correspondence as well as that of the County Commissioner regarding the LAPSSET Corridor Project and the concerns raised by members of the community.

The LAPSSET Project plays a vital role in transforming the region economic landscape. The community is already benefitting from the project through improved infrastructure, increased employment opportunities and general socio-economic growth spurred by its implementation.

This is to inform you that the National Land Commission (NLC) remains the mandated Institution responsible for undertaking and processing compensations arising from land acquisition related to national infrastructure projects.

However, the County Government of Lamu is fully committed to supporting and facilitating the process to ensure that all affected persons are justly and promptly compensated.

Again I wish to inform you that, the representatives from NLC were in Lamu on 13th to 17th October 2025 to follow up on various issues pertaining land matters. The issue of compensation was raised, discussed and the way forward will be communicated in due course.

The County Government will continue liaise with the relevant national agencies including the LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority and the NLC to ensure that this matter is effectively concluded.

The Department of Land appreciates your cooperation and patience as the process progress.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Mheshimiwa Njaaga umeridhika na jawabu la Mwenyekiti?

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Bwana Naibu Spika bado sijaridhika na jawabu la Mwenyekiti kwa sababu ninajua pesa ziko za kuwalipa hao wakulima. Ukizingatia ya kwamba kuna pesa za ujenzi wa barabara lakini kukosekane pesa za kuwalipa waathirika wa barabara hiyo? Na ukiangalia nimeleta hoja hii Zaidi ya mara tano lakini Mwenyekiti haleti majibu ya kuridhisha hapa Bungeni.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

THIRD READING OF THE LAMU COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION SERVICE BILL, 2025

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

THAT, the Lamu County Agricultural Mechanization Service Bill of 2025 be now read a third time.

Motion Proposed

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Members in the House for the great job that you showed yesterday. Indeed you sacrificed your time and energy, it was very tiresome and Mr Deputy Speaker I wish to confirm that the Honorable Members were really exhausted.

Honorable Members, we went through the Bill word by word, page by page and at the end of the day we were able to adopt the Bill with amendment. With those few remarks I now call Honorable Ahmed Hamid Omar to second.

(seconded)

(Question put and agreed upon)

Clerk-at-the-Table: The Lamu County Agricultural Mechanization Service Bill 2025 has been read a third time.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Motion

THIRD READING OF THE LAMU COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH BILL, 2025

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

THAT, the Lamu County Agricultural Development and Research Bill 2025 be now read a third time.

Motion Proposed

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Members for your engagement yesterday for adoption of this Bill. I want to assure you that the citizens of Lamu County will always remember and the final journey that we gonna make today. Because for real, Honorable Members you did a great job yesterday for adopting this Bill.

The generation to come will benefit and it will forever be in history. I call upon Honorable Ahmed Hamid Omar to second.

(seconded)

(Question put and agreed upon)

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Motion

Clerk-at-the-Table: The Lamu County Agricultural Development and Research Bill, 2025 has been read a third time.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Motion

ADJOURNMENT

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 25(3) read together with Standing Order 49(b), this Assembly stands adjourned today Thursday 30th October, 2025 until Monday 17th November, 2025.

Seconded

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuchangia na pia kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice hapa Bungeni. Ninaunga mkono mswada huu wa kwenda mapumziko kwa sababu Waheshimiwa waliochaguliwa na wananchi waweze kurudi Wadi zao na kukaa na wananchi ili waweze kusikiliza matakwa yao. Pia jana na leo tumeweza kupitisha miswada miwili ya kilimo kwa hivyo hii pia itakuwa ni fursa muhimu ya kukaa na wananchi ili tuweze kuwaeleza kwa kina maswala ya kilimo.

Vilevile tutaweza kujumuika na familia zetu ukizingatia ya kwamba shule zimefungwa na watoto wako nyumbani.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (*Bahari*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada wa kufunga Bunge kwa muda wa wiki mbili ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Huu utakuwa muda mwafaka wa kuingia mashinani na kujumuika na waliotupigia kura na tuweze kufanya miradi mbalimbali.

MCA Ahmed Omar Hamid (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Bwana Naibu Spika sisi kama Wajumbe tumeweza kupitisha miswada mingi ndani ya Bunge hili letu la Lamu, kwa hivyo itakuwa ni jambo la busara tulifunge Bunge hili kwa muda wa wiki mbili ili tuweze kujumuika na wananchi na kuweza kuwaeleza kwa kina kuhusu umuhimu wa miswada hii. Bila ya kwenda mapumziko basi tutakosa kujua matakwa ya wananchi wetu, kwa hivyo nina Imani kwa muda huu wa wiki mbili tutaweza kuhudhuria na kujumuika na wananchi vile inavyotakikana

kisheria. Na nina Imani tukirudi Bungeni baada ya likizo hii fupi tutaweza kuyatatuwa na kupata suluhu mbadala wa yale matatizo ya wananchi.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika mimi pia nimesimama kuunga hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Kusema kweli huu ni muda mzuri ya sisi Waheshimiwa kukaa na jamii zetu na wananchi kwa jumla.

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Members for contribution towards this noble adjournment. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, as we all know learning is a continuous process and we learn day by day. And it's my plead to you Mr Deputy Speaker that may you have the ceremony wisdom and that when we leave this Chamber at least you do some capacity building to the Members of this Honorable House. So that even as we go for a recess and come back at least we come loaded with more information, Bills and Statements for the benefits of the citizens or the electorate of the Lamu County.

The other issue is that we are so glad that we will have an opportunity to go to mashinani and meet the electorate. I remember in last month we had to re-schedule the adjournment just because we had some businesses that we failed to complete. So it is unfair and justice will not have been done if we were to go for a recess leaving behind these three noble motions, this shows that you have your electorate at heart.

(Question put and agreed upon)

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 4:30pm