

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 15th April, 2026

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

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Communication from the Chair.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Members, I have two communications to make:

1. Honorable Members, may I take this opportunity to convey a message from County Secretary and Head of Public Service to the Assembly regarding the nomination for the appointment of a new Bursary

Committee Member for Lamu County Bursary Committee via a letter dated 26th March 2026 Ref No. CGL/C. S/1/12/VOL II/30 received on 30th March 2026.

The following have been nominated as Bursary Committee Members for consideration and approval by the County Assembly.

S/NO	NAME	ID NO	CONTACT	GENDER
1.	Omar Khelef	0163549	0722559185	Male
2.	Shahibu Hussein	0654270	0714690909	Male
3.	Julia Wambui Njuguna	8520302	0727203515	Female

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

Therefore, I refer the name of the nominee and his curriculum vitae to the Committee on Education, Gender and Equality for vetting.

Honorable Members, therefore at this point I direct the Committee on Education, Gender and Equality 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 consideration and finalization within the stipulated timelines.

Honorable Members, I therefore direct and wish the Education, Gender and Equality 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.

THE SECOND COMMUNICATION ON THE NOMINATION OF BASUBA AND WITU WARDS BURSARY COMMITTEES

2. Honorable Members, I wish to bring to the attention of this Honorable House that: Pursuant to the provisions of the County Bursaries and Scholarship Fund Act 2019 and in accordance with our Standing Orders, the names of nominees to serve in the Basuba and Witu Ward Bursary Committees have been duly submitted to my Office.

Honorable Members, the nomination process has been undertaken in line with the legal framework governing the establishment of Ward Bursary Committees which mandates that such Committees be constituted to oversee the fair, transparent and accountable administration of bursary funds within the Ward. The nominees have been vetted at the relevant administrative level and their names are now before this House for consideration.

The proposed membership is as follows: -

Basuba Ward

No. 036

S/NO	Name	ID No	Contacts	Gender
1.	Bwana Salale	0158481	0710571444	Male
2.	Khadija Cheusi Ijui	24831022	0714140099	Female
3.	Kirio Mardi Msuo	29668014	0790809274	Male
4.	Mariam Noi	42832606	0115998363	Female
5.	Aboud Omar Chengela	11626080	0792548553	Male

Witu Ward

S/No	Name	ID No	Contacts	Gender
1.	Athman Adnan Zein	9352996	0797334570	Male
2.	Zablon Kalume Kizigwa	29543611	0746482610	Male
3.	Mariam Fogo	8525323	0704215766	Female
4.	Rukia Abadima Bonea	9352117	0718771715	Female
5.	John Devayo	2976800	0704238319	Male

Honorable Members, the role of the Ward Bursary Committee is critical in ensuring that bursary allocations reach deserving students in a timely and

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equitable manner. The Committee will be responsible for receiving and reviewing applications, making recommendations to the County Bursary Committee and ensuring compliance with the set guidelines.

In line with our Standing Orders, I hereby direct that the list of nominees be referred to the Sectoral Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare for consideration and report back to this House within the stipulated period.

Honorable Members, I urge the Committee to expedite its work so that the bursary disbursement process for the current financial year is not unduly delayed, thereby enabling our students to continue with their education without interruption.

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (*Minority Leader*): Samahani Bi Spika nilikuwa nataka kujua hiyo barua ya kwanza yatoka kwa nani?

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Thank you Minority Leader and maybe for the any other Member who could have asked the same question. The first communication comes from the County Secretary and Head of Public Service to the Assembly, regarding nomination for the appointment of a new Bursary Committee Member for Lamu County Bursary Committee. Is it clear?

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (*Minority Leader*): So Madam Temporary Speaker, that letter is non-avoid to this Assembly, County Secretary can't appoint any one according to the Constitution of Kenya or to County Government Act Section 30(2)(d).

(Clerk-at-the-table consult Madam Temporary Speaker)

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Thank you Honorable Fahd for having noted that. But I wish to clarify that this letter, the Assembly got it from the County Secretary but will further seek guidance on the same.

Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MEMBERS NOMINATED TO SERVE IN THE VARIOUS SELECT AND SECTORIAL COMMITTEES

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to give the following notice of motion to the floor of this House:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 167, this House approves and adopt the report of Selection Committee tabled on the floor of the house today Wednesday 15th April 2026 on Members nominated to serve in the various select and sectorial committees as follows:-

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND BLUE ECONOMY

- 1) Honorable Suleiman Mohamed Farah.
- 2) Honorable Mercy Wangeci Nyambura.
- 3) Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura.
- 4) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 5) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.
- 6) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.

7) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

- 1) Honorable Fahd Dini Adnan.
- 2) Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna.
- 3) Honorable Mercy Wangeci Nyambura.
- 4) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.
- 5) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.
- 6) Honorable Atwaa Salim Mohamed.
- 7) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, GENDER AND EQUALITY

- 1) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 2) Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura.
- 3) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 4) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.
- 5) Honorable Ahmed Hamid Omar.
- 6) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.
- 7) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- 1) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.
- 2) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 3) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 4) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.
- 5) Honorable Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna.
- 6) Honorable Aisha Abdulrahman Ali.

- 7) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM

- 1) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.
- 2) Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna.
- 3) Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura.
- 4) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 5) Honorable Ahmed Omar Hamid.
- 6) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.
- 7) Honorable Aisha Ali Abdulrahman.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- 1) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.
- 2) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.
- 3) Honorable Atwaa Salim Mohamed.
- 4) Honorable Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna.
- 5) Honorable Suleiman Mohamed Farah.
- 6) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.
- 7) Honorable Mercy Wangeci Nyambura.

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- 1) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 2) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.
- 3) Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna.
- 4) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 5) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 6) Honorable Suleiman Mohamed Farah.

- 7) Honorable Fahd Dini Adnan.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

- 1) Honorable Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna.
- 2) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 3) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.
- 4) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 5) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.
- 6) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.
- 7) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 8) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.
- 9) Honorable Fahd Dini Adnan.

COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

- 1) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.
- 2) Honorable Fahd Dini Adnan.
- 3) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 4) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.
- 5) Honorable Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna.
- 6) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 7) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.
- 8) Honorable Aisha Ali Abdulrahman.
- 9) Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura.

COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

- 1) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.
- 2) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 3) Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna.
- 4) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.
- 5) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 6) Honorable Mercy Wangeci Nyambura.
- 7) Honorable Suleiman Mohamed Farah.
- 8) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.
- 9) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.

COUNTY ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE AND RULES COMMITTEE

- 1) Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak.
- 2) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 3) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.
- 4) Honorable Suleiman Mohamed Farah.
- 5) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.
- 6) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 7) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.

COMMITTEE ON POWER AND PRIVILEGE

- 1) Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak.
- 2) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.
- 3) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 4) Honorable Fahd Dini Adnan.
- 5) Honorable Husuni Alawy Mohamed.
- 6) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.

- 7) Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura.

COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION

- 1) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.
- 2) Honorable Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna.
- 3) Honorable Aisha Ali Abdulrahman.
- 4) Honorable Atwaa Salim Mohamed.
- 5) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 6) Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud.
- 7) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.
- 8) Honorable John Mburu Gitonga.
- 9) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.

COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED, COUNTY LEGISLATION, JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

- 1) Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana.
- 2) Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai.
- 3) Honorable Mohamed Aboud Abubakar.
- 4) Honorable Barisa Deko Bana.
- 5) Honorable Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu.
- 6) Honorable Mercy Wangeci Nyambura.
- 7) Honorable James Njaaga Kariuki.

SPEAKERS PANEL

- 1) Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak.
- 2) Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna.
- 3) Honorable Beatrice Wamaitha Munge.

4) Honorable Francis Ngure Gakonga.

5) Honorable Ahmed Omar Hamid.

Presented by the Chair Selection Committee and the Majority Leader of the House inline with our new Standing Order.

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT ON THE SITE VISIT AT LAKWA OFFICES

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (*Nominated*): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, County Governments' Act No. 17 of 2012; and the County Assembly's Standing Orders, this House adopts and approves the report of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment on the status of Uziwa, Muhamarani and Jericho Water Projects (LAKWA) in Bahari and Mkunumbi Wards tabled in the House on Tuesday 14th April, 2026.

Madam Temporary Speaker, allow me to read the report.

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Proceed Honorable Mercy.

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (*Nominated*): Pursuant to its oversight mandate, the health services and environment Committee of the County

Assembly of Lamu conducted a consultative visit to the Offices of the Lake Kenyatta Water Users Association (LAKWA) located in Mpeketoni, Bahari Ward. The objective of the visit was to engage LAKWA Officials and assess the status, challenges and causes of failure of key water supply projects.

The Committee specifically focused on three projects namely:-

- Uziwa water project.
- Muhamarani water project.
- Jericho water project.

These projects are critical to improving access to clean and safe water for residents of Hongwe and Mkunumbi Wards and its environments.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

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| 1) MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga | Chairperson |
| 2) MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura | Vice |
| Chairperson | |
| 3) MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna | |
| 4) MCA John Mburu Gitonga | |
| 5) MCA Fahd Dini Adnan | |
| 6) MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna | |
| 7) MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu | |

Objectives of the visit

The visit was guided by the following objectives:

- To establish the current status of the identified water projects.
- To determine the causes of failure or stalling of the projects.
- To assess the level of coordination between LAKWA and the County Government.
- To propose actionable recommendations to address the identified challenges.

General Observations

The Committee established that there exists a significant breakdown in coordination and cooperation between LAKWA and the County Government of Lamu. This lack of synergy has contributed greatly to inefficiencies in project planning, implementation and monitoring. It was further observed that inadequate supervision and weak accountability mechanisms have exacerbated the situation leading to stalled and failed projects:-

❖ Jericho water project

The Committee was informed by the Chairman that the failure of the Jericho Water Project was largely attributed to technical shortcomings during implementation. In particular, the contractor failed to conduct proper pressure testing of the pipelines before commissioning.

As a result, the pipes could not withstand operational pressure, leading to frequent bursts and eventual damage of the infrastructure. This oversight reflects a lapse in both technical compliance and supervisory control.

Unfortunately, the contractor had already been paid in full but the project wasn't accomplished so the residents are still yet to benefit from it.

❖ Uziwa water project

The Uziwa water project faced challenges related to the geographical nature of the area which is predominantly rocky. Technical advice had been issued recommending that the contractor should not use the buckle method of piping, which is unsuitable for such terrain.

However, the contractor failed to adhere to this recommendation and proceeded with the buckle installation method. Consequently, the project stalled before completion due to damage of the pipes. During the period of inactivity, the installed pipes were exposed and subsequently vandalized, further compounding the losses and delaying any potential rehabilitation efforts.

❖ Muhamarani water project

The Muhamarani water project was also reported as unsuccessful. While detailed technical explanations were limited, the Committee noted that its failure is closely linked to the broader issue of poor coordination between LAKWA and the County Government.

Additionally, there appears to have been insufficient monitoring, evaluation and follow-up during implementation, which contributed to the project's inability to meet its intended objectives.

The status of project is incomplete. In the financial year 2025/26, ksh 2,344,749 was allocated for this projects. A further amount of kshs 1,200,000 was allocated in the supplementary budget totaling to ksh 3,544,794 for the completion of the three projects. Unfortunately, all the projects are incomplete and the residents are still not able to access clean and safe water.

Challenges identified

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The Committee identified the following key challenges affecting the projects:

- ❖ Lack of effective collaboration between implementation agencies.
- ❖ Gross misuse of taxpayers money.
- ❖ Non- compliance with technical specifications by contractors.
- ❖ Weak supervision and inadequate quality assurance mechanisms.
- ❖ Exposure of stalled projects to vandalism due to lack of security measures.
- ❖ Inadequate documentation and reporting on project progress and challenges.

Recommendations

Inorder to address the issues identified, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

a. Budget Allocation

The County Government should ensure that budget is allocated in the financial year 2026/27 for the completion of the three projects.

b. Strengthen Institutional Coordination

Establish clear frameworks for collaboration and communication between LAKWA and the County Government to ensure seamless project implementation.

c. Enforce Technical Compliance

The CEC in charge of water should ensure that contractors working in Hongwe and Mkunumbi Wards must strictly adhere to approved

engineering designs and technical advice from LAKWA. Non-compliance should attract penalties including possible termination of contracts.

d. Enhance Supervision and Quality Control

The County Government should partner with LAKWA to ensure regular inspections and mandatory procedures such as pressure testing should be enforced before commissioning any water infrastructure.

e. Improve Project Security

The County Government should put in place measures to protect infrastructure from vandalism, especially for stalled or incomplete projects.

f. Conduct Technical Audits

The County Government should assist LAKWA and other water users towards comprehensive audit to be undertaken on all failed and stalled water projects within Hongwe and Mkunumbi Wards to inform rehabilitation and future planning.

g. Capacity Building and Accountability

The County Government should train Officers from Local Water Users such as LAKWA.

CONCLUSION

The Committee notes with concern the failure of critical water projects in Hongwe and Mkunumbi Wards, which has adversely affected access to clean

and safe water for residents. The issues identified point to systemic weaknesses in coordination, technical compliance and oversight.

The Committee therefore urges all stakeholders to take immediate corrective action and implement the recommendations outlined in this report to prevent recurrence and to ensure sustainable water service delivery in Lamu County.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the Committee unanimously adopted its report hence calling for the House to consider and approve the committee's recommendations.

Madam Temporary Speaker, allow me to elaborate a little on the report. We had a meeting with the LAKWA people and we found that when the Contractors are given the projects there is no supervision and sometimes they make some minner mistakes. For example on the testing of the pressure and they also don't look on the geographical nature of the area. Also alot of misuse of the funds, because you find some contractors have already been paid full amount and the project remain unfinished.

Seconder

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):Asante sana Bi Spika. Bi Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Mercy kuhusiana na mambo ya LAKWA. Ni kweli tulifanya kikao na wao na nikiangalia katika miradi ya Hongwe na Uziwa haikupaswa kukaa sana, Waziri husika na watu wa LAKWA wangukuwa wameweza kukaa pamoja na kujadiliana namna ya kuyafanya miradi haya kwa haraka badala ya kuzozana wenyewe kwa wenyewe ili wananchi waweze kupata maji kwa sababu pesa tayari zilikuwa zishatengwa. Mwisho ningependa kuwashukuru Wanakamati kwa kazi nzuri waliyoifanya, pili ningependa

kuishukuru Ofisi yako pamoja na Ofisi ya Karani wa Bunge kwa kuipatia kamati hii uwezo wa kwenda kufuatilia jambo hili na hatimaye kuja na ripoti ya uhakika.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bi Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Mercy. Kwanza ningependa kuishukuru kamati ya afya kwa kazi nzuri waliyoifanya ya kuzingatia afya ya wananchi. Pili ningependa kutoa shukrani kwa Ofisi ya Karani wa Bunge pamoja na Ofisi ya Spika kwa kuipatia uwezo hii kamati kwenda kuzuru maeneo hayo na kusuluhisha matatizo ya wananchi. Bi Spika huu mvutano ulioko baina ya Serikali ya Kaunti na Ofisi ya LAKWA hairidhishi kabisa kwa sababu wanaoumia zaidi ni wananchi ambapo wananchi hao hao wanalipa ushuru.

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (*Mkomani*): Asante sana Bi Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Mercy. Bi Spika wananchi wanalipa ushuru na itakuwa vyema iwapo watapata huduma nzuri kutoka kwetu sisi Waheshimiwa ikizingatiwa kwamba wao ndio waliotuchaguwa ili tuweze kuwawakilisha vyema. Pia ningependa kuwaomba Wanakamati wenzangu tuweze kwenda Lamu Mashariki na tuweze kuwatatulia shida ya maji kwa sababu ukiangalia katika mitandao ya kijamii utawaona wananchi wa huko wanatembea masafa marefu kutafuta maji.

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (*Majority Leader*): Asante sana Bi Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Mercy. Kwanza ningependa kuipongeza kamati ya afya kwa kuwajibika ipasavyo ili kuhakikisha

wananchi wa Wadi za Mkunumbi na Hongwe wamepata maji safi. Bi Spika hili tatizo la maji limekuwa donda sugu katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu, kwa hivyo Waziri husika akija siku ya Alhamisi aweze kutuletea majibu sahihi na iwapo kazi imemshinda basi Bunge litafanya maamuzi sahihi.

Mover's Response

MCA Mercy Wangezi Nyambura (*Nominated*): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, I would like to thank Office of the Speaker and Office of the Clerk for agreeing with our request to meet with LAKWA people and also thank the Committee Members and the Clerk for having a good meeting with LAKWA people. And also thanks to all Members for contributing this motion. Lastly I urge LAKWA people and the County Government to have a good collaboration and good communication about this stall project they can be completed and our Lamu people can be able to get clean and safe water.

(Question put and agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 16th April 2026 at 2:30pm

The Assembly rose at 4:30 p.m.