

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday 29th October, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in the Chair

PRAYER

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you back from the short recess and before I do my communication it is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate and welcome Ms. Janet Lenaimalda for a nomination as a Member of Assembly of Samburu.

Hon. Members, you are all aware that Janet Lenaimalda had successfully petitioned the nomination of Ms. Agnes Wambui Ng'ang'a on top up gender category under the Jubilee Party. Therefore, the Independent Election and Boundary Commission(IEBC) has gazette Ms. Janet Lenaimalda is the duly elected Member of County Assembly of Samburu vied Gazette notice No. 12898 dated 4th October, 2024.

Hon. Members, in line with the judgement of the court and publication by the IEBC, it is required that the Speaker of the County Assembly of Samburu at immediate next sitting of the County Assembly after the said publication by the IEBC to swear Ms. Janet Lenaimalda as Member of County Assembly of Samburu.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 74 of the Constitution; no person shall assume or perform any functions of the office of a County Assembly before taking and subscribing to the oath or affirmation of office.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 3 (6) I shall now proceed to administer the oath or affirmation of office for Ms. Janet Lenaimalda

(Applause)

And in accordance with Standing Orders 3 (7), I now request two Honourable Members to escort the Member elect Ms. Janet Lenaimalda to the table and present to the Speaker for her swearing in.

Ms. Lenaimalda Janet escorted to the table by Hon. Loloju Joseph and Hon Sarah Lekirenyei

Ms. Lenaimalda Janet taking the oath

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, we can have two or three Members who can congratulate our new Member of Assembly, starting with the Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelengeju Jackson): Hon. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Janet Lenimalda for having secured the position of being a Member of this Honourable House. I thank God so much and on behalf of the people of Wamba East Ward and the entire County, on behalf of the party where she comes from, on behalf of her own family and people of Wamba that I see here I am greatly privileged to have Janet here in this House after a long struggle, congratulations and welcome to this Honourable House.

Be part of this membership, we assure you of total commitment and support especially from me, you will get everything that is required of you, right orientation and you will pick the job.

Hon. Janet for those of you who might not know has been a long time serving member in community indulgence, she has been a strong member of one of our group ranches and you are joining us to the work similar to what you have been doing. We assure you of support and respect and you will feel at home.

For those who escorted her; Hon. Loloju and Hon. Sarah, thank you very much. And for the Hon. Ladies in this House, we are happy for you because your number has been added, you are now more than before, use the same number to take care of all of us and not disadvantage this House

Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): I am sure, Janet, you will join a group of strong ladies, respected and I am sure they will introduce you to more. May activities in this house and you will catch up as we move. It has been two years down the line waiting. It has been quite a long time. I must say God's time is the best. This is the day that the Lord has made for you and this is the day the Lord decided for you to be sworn-in. this is your day. Many people tried but God's favor prevailed. Congratulations and welcome to this honorable house.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Pongezi Mheshimiwa Janet. Karibu kwa County Assembly. Hii ni nyumba ya Baraka mingi, ni nyumba ambapo saa zingine tunapigana kisha tunachekeka. Hatuna shida Mheshimiwa Janet. Nafikiri unaweza kumbuka siku moja wakati wa nomination. Ulisema kuwa umejaribu nomination mara mingi. 2017 tulikuwa pamoja KANU tuka apply, hatukufanikiwa. Ukasema 2022 tena umeapply sasa unangoja tu kwa Mungu.

Mungu amekubali leo. Ule wakati umepita haukuwa wako. Saa hii Mungu amekuandikia.

Shukuru Mungu. Ulisema siku moja utaandika Hon. Janet kwa diary ama picha yako. Andika

leo. Kwa hivo Mheshimiwa karibu. Sisi ni kama watoto wa mama mmoja na tunapendana sana. Raia wakiona tukipigana wanafikiria tunachukiana. Ukweli ni kuwa sisi tunapenda sana. Karibu sana Mheshimiwa.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also stand to congratulate and welcome the new member to this honorable house. We came here with a mission not just sitting or any other mission which I cannot say like this. Here we have got two categories of people coming to this house. The popularly elected and those sent by the party.

When you are sent by the party you are sent for a purpose. To uplift, to empower the marginalized, forgotten and bring them to where the rest are. As representatives of our people, you are an added value where we forget women, people with disability or any other marginalized people you remind us.

It is good to know your duty. That you have come here to add value to honorable members elected to represent the people. When we come to this honorable house we are in equal capacity, equal vote, equal contribution to serve the people of Samburu County. I congratulate you and look forward to you adding value to these honorable members so that from where we are a plus upwards serving the people of Samburu.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Serah): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia kwa niaba yangu peke yangu ningepende kumshukuru Mungu. Unajua Janet nimetoka mbali naye. Leo nimeona Mungu kweli anaweza. Mungu anasikia maombi. Kuna maombi hujibiwa haraka kuna ile inachelewa. Janet nami tumeomba kwa muda mrefu hadi nikafa moyo kabisa ila Janet hakufa moyo.

Ningependa kumwambia dadangu leo kuwa Mungu amekujalia mema. Simama hapa kuwatetea watu wako na usiwaangushe sasa. Mungu ndie huchagua viongozi. Namshukuru Mungu. Sitavunjika moyo tena. Mungu anaweza. Nitazidi kuomba na Mungu atajibu siku moja. Asante sana.

Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to congratulate Hon. Janet Lenamalda for having secured the position of MCA to represent our County. On behalf of my party Jubilee; I thank my party for fighting to ensure that Janet Lenamalda secures this position. As we welcome her I want to assure Janet that we will hold her

hands to let her know all the procedures of this House so that we can work together for the benefit of our people.

I am happy to see Janet together with us because she comes from Samburu East Constituency and Janet being in this House together with us is a plus for some of us from the same constituency and to the entire Samburu populace. That is my contribution as far as this issue is concerned. We have just concluded just recently Committee on Selection; I think my Committee and I will soon sit to see how we will fit her in various Committees. That is my contribution, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): We can take the last one. Hon. Minority Leader.

Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would also like to congratulate Hon. Janet Lenamalda for getting this chance to represent the Samburu people. Today marks a good day for this County Assembly because I remember when we started this Assembly we had a lot of fracas because maybe God has the purpose there is somebody who has been nominated but the people of Samburu stood firm and said that their chance will not go other places because we have a deserving citizen of Samburu County.

I would like to congratulate her and tell her that the representative of Suguta Mar Mar Ward you being here you represent the whole County of Samburu and not only the East and as a representative of the marginalized group you represent all our women within Samburu County. As the leadership of this House we welcome and congratulate you on this win, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Let me give the last one to Hon. Silapia.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate my sister Janet and welcome her to this House. Being a long term serving nominated through the Jubilee party I also take this opportunity to welcome Janet to our party membership which is Jubilee party. Jubilee party has the Majority number in this House and we are proud today that God has taken us to another step by giving us another Member, we are proud, we thank God and we welcome you to this House.

We all represent women in this House because God has also added us another Member who is a woman and also who is from Wamba East constituency as I am among the Members who come from East, let me take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Janet, you are welcome my sister count on our support we will support you as you know that Janet, I do not want you to come and be surprised I am always in opposition. So you will treat me as an opposition always thank you and welcome.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

Hon. Members I extend the heartfelt congratulations to our newly sworn in Member of the County Assembly Hon. Janet Lenamalda. We warmly welcome you to the third County Assembly of Samburu and look forward to your valuable contributions as we work together to serve our constituents and advance the progress of our County Assembly. I also take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate all Members who recently participated in the 5th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) games in Bungoma.

Your dedication and Sportsmanship have brought pride to Samburu County and your commitment exemplifies the spirit of unity and team work we value deeply. Further, I wish a swift and full recovery to those Members County Assembly Service Board, Members of County Assembly of Samburu and staffs who experienced unfortunate accident while travelling to Bungoma. Your resilience is commendable and we stand with you as you heal please be assured on our ongoing support during this recovery period.

Hon. Members with deep sadness I extend our sincere condolences to Mr. Steve Lemeteki senior clerk assistant on the loss of his father who passed away at Maralal Referral Hospital, our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Lemeteki and his Family during this difficult time and we offer our heartfelt sympathies and full support. Hon. Members as we resume our legislative duties I urge all committees members to prioritize the completion of pending assignments before the forthcoming long recess scheduled to begin on 5th December 2024.

In particular;

1. The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Bursary expedites- the ongoing investigations into the management and disbursement of bursary funds. This investigation is crucial and I encourage the

Committee to ensure thorough and comprehensive findings to support our commitment to transparency and accountability in service delivery.

2. The Public Accounts and Investment Committee- your timely review of Audit reports currently under consideration is essential to uphold fiscal responsibility and transparency in our county operations I am confident in your dedications to maintaining high standards.

3. Budget and Appropriation Committee- tabling of the public participation report on Annual Development Plans (ADP) for the FY 2025-2026.

4. Finance Economic Planning and ICT- Consideration of the Samburu County Finance Bill 2024 which is already overdue and tabling of the Samburu Monitoring and Evaluation Bill 2024 Public participation report.

Hon. Members let us approach this responsibility with diligence and unity. Working together to serve the people of Samburu with integrity and purpose, thank you for your continued commitment.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all let me take this opportunity to congratulate my friend Janet, I have known Janet for quite some time for securing this position. Mr. Speaker I was not to contribute but just because of The guidelines that we are giving there that the committee should their work, I think I am the chair for budget and I am very happy we you are reminding us that you should bring our Report on ADP. I think we only have the Report writing. We did our public participation so I know very soon we just table that Report. But there is one issue that gotten my attention there. The issue of the finance bill, it is very unfortunate that this House of rules, we are not following rules, if you go through the public finance act of 2012, finance bill in every County Assembly have to be submitted, considered and approved by 30th of September.

Today is 29th of October; those are the 30 days past the deadline. So Hon. Speaker you that the department the committee of finance should fasten the tabling of the Report here that is long overdue, I am still waiting your indulgent of the same because there is no need for us to table reports here that are long overdue using our resources very much knowing that the time has elapse.

If you just looked at public finance act, you know after every 90 days, from the day of the estimates are approved, that is seemed to be 30th June, the finance bill has to be tabled to this House, considered and approved but is 30 days and we have not even seen the tabling of finance bill in this House. You know a whole County implementing budget without a road map on where they should get resources from, I do not see the reason why we come here to be used as rubber stamps by the executive especially the CEMC finance taking us for a ride, the last time we have CFSP tabled on 13th March, 2024 with only a single prior to the day to the approval dates of CFSP.

We are here again now past the dates that the law provides for submission and approval of finance bill. We do not this we are ready to use our money as the County going for public participations for some work that is mandatory obligations by law provided by PFM act. It is mandatory. You know whether the CEMC likes it or not, the finance bill has to be tabled and approved in this House. So maybe somebody may advise us on what now to do. So should we just do the things for the sake of doing? We should not be taken as rubber stamps by the Executive If the CEC Finance is not...

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen.): Hon. Members the time being 28 minutes to o'clock, and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until 30th October, 2024 at 9:00 am.

