

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 29th May, 2024

House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the order of the day?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

STATEMENT HOUR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Seth Kanga, Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (b), of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board on the following;

1. Status of the employment of one Hezekiah Awinda Lago who has been serving as the Sergeant-at-Arm of this House as the House orderlies.
2. Provide his education testimonials of the aforementioned staff.
3. Provide the minutes of the Board on the employment of the same staff.
4. Provide minutes of his discharge from duty if any case.

5. Provide reasons why he is not performing his duties.
6. Table a list of staff who have been employed from the year 2019 and their educational testimonials if they qualified to serve in the position they are holding. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, I want to refer you to our Standing Orders No. 41 (3) that reads;

A member who wishes to seek leave to raise a matter under paragraph (2) (a) or (b) shall, before 1:00 p.m., on the day on which the Statement is proposed to be made, hand to the Speaker a written notification of the matter, but the Speaker may refuse to allow the request unless satisfied that the matter may properly be discussed in the house. (4) No member making a Statement under this Standing Order shall speak for more than five minutes, unless with the permission of the Speaker.

Honourable Members, the Chief Whip has risen on a General Statement and considering that this is a Statement of Topical Concern, it has also been addressed to the Chairperson of the County Assembly Service Board but as Members, you may give a few comments on it. Please ensure that you follow the orders prescribed within the limitation of debate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Whip, why are you on your feet?

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market Milimani): Madam Speaker, allow me to make some few remarks because I didn’t speak for five minutes. I reserved some minutes.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Member, I believe you will have the privilege to make a comment when other Members who may want to contribute have done so.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes the Honourable Member representing Kabonyo/Kanyagwal

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, when matters come on the Floor of this Assembly, the onus is with us as the Members of this Assembly to make our contribution. A matter has been raised on the employment in this Assembly from 2019 to date. This is not a bad matter but it is addressed to the Chairperson of the County Assembly Service Board. We have the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare that should handle labour related matters in this Assembly. I am wondering why this matter is not being committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. It is the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare that handles matters of employment in this County. Let this matter be committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to do their due diligence and bring for us the report to discuss.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Oiko, the Statements are read as presented before the House and that is why I am giving Members a chance to make a few comments on it. If you have a proposal that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare be included then I can give you the leeway to make your proposal but you must also have a seconder on the same.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, I propose that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare be incorporated in this matter and I want to request Hon. Bill Odhiambo to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, before Hon. Bill seconds, I just want to inform this House that any amendment within a Statement or Motion has to be confined within that amendment. So, don’t amend and contribute as well.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Madam Speaker. I second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, a Statement has been raised by the Chief Whip Hon. Kanga but an amendment has been sought by Hon. Oiko that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare be enjoined in the same. This has been seconded by Hon. Bill. I am now compelled to propose a question for adoption of that amendment.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Hon. Pamela Oyoo rises on her feet)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. Pamela Oyoo.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you Madam Speaker. It is my belief that this matter should be handled by the Board. I am just inquiring. I stand to be guided.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Oyoo, it has been raised by the Member and there is a concern that the Standing Committee Labour and Social Welfare be enjoined, a proposal that has been moved, seconded and carried in affirmation of the Members of the House. Hon. Pamela we cannot retract on a matter that has been carried in affirmation by the House. Thank you. Do you want to give your contribution?

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Madam Speaker, I want to request that this matter be handled by the County Assembly Service Board, I am the Vice Chair...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo): Order!! Hon. Oyoo. Order! Hon. Oyoo, you will get an opportunity to respond as the Vice Chairperson. I gave Honourable Members an opportunity to comment on the same. Remember we have up to 03:00 p.m. to get your views.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi/Onjiko): Thank you Madam Speaker. According my understanding and the majority of the Members.....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Ngeta, you cannot debate on a matter that has been determined by the House. If you want to give your views on the statement then please go ahead.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, the statement before us is weighty because it is a matter of Topical Concern. Madam Speaker, for this County Assembly to maintain its integrity, that it deserve, I believe that this matter should be looked in, and again I believe that all the credentials that has been listed in that Statement, must be tabled before this Hon. House. Thank you.

(Hon. Oginga rises on a Point of Order)

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Madam): Madam Speaker.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Hon. Emily.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Point of Order. It is my belief that it is not right for the Honourable Member to go on debating on a matter that has been ruled on. So I do not know why you are allowing this.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, I am just giving my views.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Emily, I allowed Members to give their views, I just said they may not comment on a determination that has already been made.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Ngeta, please endeavour to stick to the Statement!

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, but you allowed Hon. Emily to disrupt me.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Ngeta. Order!!

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, this is a House of procedure and rules, and I believe that we need to maintain our integrity at the Kisumu County Assembly. Madam Speaker, remember we are the Arm of Government, which is Kisumu County Government.

Madam Speaker, the Statement sought by the Majority Whip, is not just a Statement; it is a weighty one and a matter of topical concern. Madam Speaker, what need to be done with it, I believe that, just two weeks ago, you saw the EACC sought to know the educational credentials of all employees of both the National and County Governments.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Ngeta! Order!! Hon. Ngeta! This House only discusses issues that are before the House. I do not believe that this House relies on insinuations....

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker that is what I am talking about.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Ngeta. No document has been presented on the floor of this House from EACC seeking any clarification. So Hon. Ngeta, please stick to the statement!

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, I rest my case. There must be something. You are on me, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Ngeta, please resume your seat.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Dede, I believe that is the final contribution. We now give time to the Vice Chair, County Assembly Service Board.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you Madam Speaker, this is a matter of employment, and the employer of the Assembly, is the Assembly Service Board. The Statement is related to an employee of the Assembly, therefore, it is my opinion that this matter rests in the ambits of the Assembly Service Board. Again, I believe that even if the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Services is in this, so the Assembly Service Board must be enjoined.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Honourable Members. Hon. Seth Ochieng’ Kanga you sought a Statement, you have heard comments of Members and the Chairperson Board has responded. Are you satisfied with the response or you still want to seek further clarifications?

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. I am in concurrence with the resolution of the House. Even if they were to include the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs, I do not have any problem. But Madam Speaker, you know, the issues of employment, or discharge of duty Madam Speaker, lies squarely with the County Assembly Service Board, of which the Honourable Speaker Chairs, and we have two members representing

the Assembly in that Board. And all statutory bodies formed under the County Government Act, Standing Orders and other statutes within this County, squarely are responsible to the County Assembly of Kisumu, which is the Plenary.

Madam Speaker, going by the remarks made by the Honourable Members, I plead with you to certify the matter under certificate of urgency so that it is immediately concluded and brought forth, so that the Assembly is seen to be clean and in the eyes of the public we are able to oversight the County Executive without any further questions. With those few remarks Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, as pertains to the Statement, I want to direct, that the County Assembly Service Board is conjoined with the Standing Committee of Labour and Social Welfare to delve into the Statement and provide a Report to the House within three weeks. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

MOTION

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CHULAIMBO COUNTY LEVEL 4 HOSPITALS, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022.

MOTION PRESENTED BY

HON. KEN OUKO, MCA, WEST KISUMU

(CHAIRPERSON, SELECT COMMITTEE ON PIC/PAC)

(Motion moved by Hon. Geoffrey Warindu on behalf of the Chairperson)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Hon. Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you Madam Speaker, once again I will be standing in for the Chairperson, PIC/PAC Committee, who is on official duty, to move a Motion of adoption on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General, on the Financial Statement of Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital, for the year ended 30th June 2022.

Madam Speaker, the main Report is in our Wall, I will just be taking you through the Moving Note and I am glad that some Members requested for the hard copy so that they can go through the main Report.

Report of the Auditor General of the Financial Statement of Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2022, County Government of Kisumu.

Hon. Speaker, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Bernadette Achieng' appeared before the Committee on 30th January 2024 to adduce evidence on the Audited Financial Statements of the Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

The Medical Superintendent was accompanied by the following Officers;

1. Julius Sako - Nursing Director
2. Joyce Odhiambo - HAO
3. Dr. Sammerion Nyawara - Pharmacist in charge
4. John Otieno - Laboratory in charge
5. Leticia Awuor - Departmental Accountant
6. Ezekiel Onunga - Departmental Accountant

The following officers represented the Office of the Auditor General in the Committee meeting;

1. Kennedy Ongoi – Office of the Auditor General
2. Margaret Mowage- Office of the Auditor General

BASIS FOR ADVERSE OPINION FY 2021/2022

The following issues formed the basis of Adverse opinion;

1. Variances in Transfers from the County Government
2. Variances between the Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements
3. Inaccuracies in Medical Service Income
4. Misstatement of Employee Costs Amount
5. Misstatement of Board of Management Expenses
6. Undisclosed Property, Plant and Equipment
7. Unaccounted for Intangible Assets
8. Unsupported Trade and Other Payables
9. Unsupported Cash and Cash Equivalent Balance
10. Undisclosed Inventory Balance
11. Inaccuracies in the Statement of Cash Flows
12. Inaccuracies in the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts
13. Anomalies in the Management of Fixed Assets
14. Infringement of Casual Worker's Rights
15. Underpayment of Casual Labourers
16. Incomplete Projects
17. Manual Accounting Records
18. Weakness in Revenue Collection System
19. Weak Controls in Inventory Management
20. Board's Expired Office Term
21. Weaknesses in the Filing System
22. Failure to Meet Level 4 Hospital Requirements

Summary of Observations

Hon. Speaker, having considered the management response for Chulaimbo County Level IV Hospital and having held a meeting with the management and the Office of the Auditor General, the following observations were made;

1. That there was variance of Kshs 982,207 due to non-reconciliation of the Funsoft receipting system and the manual receipts of the medical service income. As at the time of Committee deliberations, the reconciliation had been done
2. That the misstatement of the employee costs resulted into unexplained and unreconciled variance of Ksh 479,590.
3. That the variance of Kshs. 50,053 in regards to the Board of Management Expenses was as a result of payment to ex-officio members.
4. That the management failed to adhere to the following laws and regulations in the financial management of the hospital;
 - a) Regulation 136 (1) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015, which provides that the Accounting Officer shall be responsible for maintaining a register of assets under his or her control or possession as prescribed by the relevant laws'
 - b) Public Finance Regulations, County Governments Paragraph 90(1) which states that 'Accounting officers shall ensure bank accounts reconciliations are completed for each bank account held by that accounting officer, every month and submit a bank reconciliation statement not later than 10th of the subsequent month to the County Treasury with a copy to the Auditor General.'
 - c) Section 136(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, which provides that 'the register of land and buildings shall record each parcel of land and each building and the terms on which it is held, with reference to the conveyance, address, area, dates of acquisition, disposal or major change in use, capital expenditure, lease hold terms, maintenance contracts and other pertinent management details'
 - d) Regulation 11(5) of the Regulation of Wages (General) Orders on hours of work, which state that, the normal working week shall consist of forty-four hours of work spread over six days of the week, comprising five days of eight hours of work per day and one day of four hours of work, provided that –(i) in the case of day security staff the normal working week shall be fifty-two hours of work spread over six days of the week; and (ii) in the case of night security staff, the normal working week shall be five shifts of twelve hours each.
 - e) Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 1 dated 8 January, 2019, which recommends minimum wage of Kshs. 13,573 for general casuals.
 - f) Section 162(i) of Public Procurement & Disposal Act 2015 which states that 'An accounting officer of a procuring entity shall ensure that all inventory, store and assets purchased are received, but shall not be used and until taken on charge and

- as a basis for ensuring that all procured items are properly accounted for and put in proper use and put in proper use as intended by the procuring entity.’
- g) Guideline part 1.1 (11) of the Mwongozo Code of Governance which states that ‘each Board member shall be appointed through a Gazette Notice and thereafter a letter.’
 - h) Kenya Quality Model for Health policy guidelines with reference to their medical personnel staffing.
5. That the management only disclosed pending bills of Kshs. 4,877,640 while the statement of financial position reflects trade and other payables balance of Ksh 8,832,013, resulting in an unexplained and unreconciled variance of Kshs 3,954,373.
 6. That the pending bills list provided to the Auditors reflected the balance of Kshs 4,877,640 did not have adequate details, including dates of supply and goods/services delivered
 7. That the committee, therefore, could not ascertain the total pending bill of Kshs 8,832,013 as at 30 June 2022.
 8. That the inaccuracies in the statement of cash flows was as a result of lack of qualified accountant in the facility
 9. That as at the time of Committee deliberations, CPA Leticia Awuor has been seconded to the facility
 10. That the Facility had a stalled maternity theatre at the finishing level with no contractor on site during the year under review.
 11. The management was not involved in the implementation of the said project therefore could not report on its procurement details
 12. That the hospital maintained its financial records including cash book and ledgers in manual form despite having a financial management system (Funsoft).
 13. That the facility inventory system revealed the following weaknesses; The Hospital had different stores for each department, manned by user departments, the same officer in charge of a store requisitioned for stores, made issuance, utilized the stores, maintained stores records and carried out stock take with no evidence of checks and balances, the stores were manned by staff with no evidence of technical training in stores management, No evidence was provided to show that stock take was carried out at year end among others.
 14. That the hospital did not maintain a proper and systematic filing system for both financial and procurement records

Summary of Recommendations

1. That in future, the management must adhere to all the laws and regulations listed in No. 4 in the observations section

2. That the Office of the Auditor General conduct a payroll audit and submit a report on the same to this Assembly within a period of 90days upon adoption of this report
3. That Pursuant to Article 226(5) of the Constitution which states that, *if the holder of a Public Office or a political office, directs or approves the use of Public Funds contrary to the law or instruction, the person is liable for any loss arising from that use and shall make good, the loss, whether the person remains the office holder or not*, the Accounting Officer department of Health initiate recovery of the amount of Kshs. 50,053 from the accounts of Dr. Bernadette Achieng, the Accounting Officer, and a report on the same be submitted to this Assembly within a period of 90days upon adoption of this report
4. That the accounting officer initiates, with immediate effect, the valuation of all fixed assets and a report on the same be submitted to this Assembly within a period of 90 days upon adoption of this report.
5. That the management immediately prepares an up-to-date-fixed assets register including values of assets purchased by the Facility, and submit a status report within a period of 14 days upon the adoption of this report
6. That the CEC Member Finance, ICT and Economic Planning constitute a Task force within 30 days upon adoption of this report to ascertain the accuracy and value of the pending bills, as at 30 June, 2022.
7. That a report of the Taskforce be submitted to the Assembly within 90 days upon constitution of the Taskforce
8. That the Accounting Officer, Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation to fast track completion of the stalled project and a report on the same be supported to this Assembly within a period of 90days upon adoption of this report
9. That in future, the management must be involved in any project within the facility.
10. That the Accounting officer to the facility demonstrate to this Assembly by way of a report, corrective measures taken to ensure proper inventory management in the facility within 90 days upon adoption of this report.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker, I hereby request that this House adopts this report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the consideration of the Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements of the Chulaimbo County Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30, June 2022. May I call upon Hon. Billy to second?

(Hon. Dede rises on a Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Yes Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): (Point of order). Thank you Madam Speaker for according me this opportunity. The Mover of the Motion has called upon Hon. Bennie Pete Oiko to second, but I do not think if he is a Member of the Committee. You can.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Order!! Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Obligated.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Oiko. Hon. Warindu, who did you call to second your motion?

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Madam Speaker, I really wonder if we were even listening to the Report. If we were listening to the Report, then my seconder was very clear, I called Hon. Billy not Bennie.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order! Order Hon. Dede!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Billy.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Madam Speaker, but from the records, Hon. Billy is not a Member of this House Committee.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Honourable Members, I know Members are used to a precedence of only Members of a designated House Committee to seconding reports. But once the document has been tabled before the House, it becomes a property or a document of the House and therefore any Member can second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Go ahead.

(Hon. Odari rises on a Point of Order)

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): What is the matter Hon. Odari?

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Yes, I am rising on my feet because you are misleading this House.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Odari.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Odari, can you quote your Standing Order, giving you to challenge my decision. What is your Standing Order?

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): That...Seat down.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Odari, this document was tabled and it became a document of the House and the Member seconding is not a stranger to the House. Unless you have a Standing Order challenging the same, please resume your seat.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): What is the Standing Order challenging that decision?

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): No.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Honourable Member, I do not want to rule you out of order

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Odari.

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Madam Speaker, I want to contribute.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Odari, I want to ask you that you diligently read your Standing Orders. Hon. Odari, I am not giving you authority to speak. I am just advising you that you read your Standing Orders, that Hon. Warindo is not in Order to call Hon. Billy to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon Billy go ahead.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): *(bows)*

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Order!! Hon. Dede. Please resume your seat.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Billy.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): *(bows)*

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Honourable Members, a Report by PICPAC Committee, on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital, for the year ended 30th June 2022, has been moved, seconded and I want to propose a question of debate, and I say that the Report is now open for discussion.

(Silence)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you Madam Speaker for again according me opportunity to air my statement concerning the Motion on the Floor. Madam Speaker, even though it is unprocedural to permit a Member....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Dede. Are you debating on a determination or you want to debate on the Report?

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Madam Speaker, you should give me some time...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon Dede, you have no authority to debate on the determination made by the Speaker. So, kindly debate on the report.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you, Madam Speaker, even if you are gagging me from airing my sentiments. But, according to the report which has just been read, it seems that there are some illegalities in the statement whereby we get the missed statement concerning the cost of employee which we noted on page fifteen of the report. The cost of employee is indicated as approximately Ksh. 714,000.00. If you go through the master roll recovery it is indicated as Kshs.1,193,590.00 that resulted to an unexplained amount of Kshs. 479,590, which has a variance. So, we are worried that if somebody brings the number of employees and that is different with the payroll, we do not know how they came about with these figures.

Madam Speaker, there is equally an issue of under the performance reflection. Madam Speaker, there was an expenditure of Ksh. 64,947.00 which was different from the vouchers which were signed totaling to Kshs.115,000.00. So, the variance was Kshs. 50,050,000 and we came to a conclusion under the recommendation. I have heard in the recommendation from the Chief Officer for Health, who is the Accounting Officer will now expedite on how we are going to recover the Ksh. 50,000,000 from Dr. Benedita Ochieng. So, I am worried how the Chief Officer is going expedite on the recovery of such huge amount which has been misappropriated.

Madam Speaker, confirming with the board, the term of the board which was in place was supposed to be three years which was constituted on 11th October, 2019, and they were to serve for a period of three years yet, during the reporting time it is indicated that there were some Board meetings which were held beyond 27th October, 2022 which means, meetings were held with the members who were not supposed to represent the Board, being that the term limits of the members at that particular time was to expire on 11th October, 2022. Madam, Speaker, this implies that there were some Board Members who were in office at a particular time, and they were not supposed to be there because the gazettelement would have been done so that new members who would have come on board after awarding of the letters. Madam Speaker, that is my observation even if you have guarded me from telling the Member that...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Dede...

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Madam Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of this House that, it is procedural that those who have signed the adoption schedule should support the motion...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I stand here and applaud the committee that has worked on this report about Chulaimbo Level 4 Hospital.

Madam Speaker, it is on record that I was one time a member of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee, and what they have done is just within what they have to do Madam Speaker. They have as well done tremendously in coming up with the observations and recommendations. Madam Speaker, whatever we are going to do with the observations and recommendations now remains with us as Members of this August House.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the observations this House Committee has made, they are very critical, and I am sure that these reports are being done to help improve the institutions that we are looking after. One of them happens to be Chulaimbo Level 4 Hospital. Madam Speaker, after having seen and looked at the observations, they have again gone down to list some very important recommendations. One of them is recommendation number twenty-three, that going forward the management must ensure proper and systematic filing system for both financial and procurement records in the facility. Madam Speaker, this is a document that I am sure the people whose hands or responsibilities have been placed upon this facility, if they happen to have this report, I am very certain that if they look at the recommendations that have been given by this House Committee, they are able to solve these problems themselves. Madam Speaker, I can also see the Accounting officer in item number twenty-four which states that Accounting officer of the Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, demonstrates to this Assembly by way of a report corrective measures taken to adhere to the Kenya quality model for Health policy guidelines in 60 days upon adoption of this report.

Madam Speaker, I am equally glad that in this House today we have the Chairperson, Select Committee Implementation. These are some of the issues that within or less than those 60 days the Chairperson of Implementation Committee should be following up. If possible, to bring back the status report of such kind of recommendations in less than 60 days.

Madam Speaker, if we look at these matters critically and if we look at all these reports that have been done in these institutions, if they are followed and taken seriously, the subsequent reports we do not expect to see such negative observations. Going forward we should be able to see drastic improvement in the running of our facilities in terms of adherence to the stipulated law

and positive working models in those institutions. Madam Speaker, the subsequent reports that we are going to be receiving should be positive not continuous negative observations all the time. Madam Speaker, I have the honour to support the adoption of this report, because of the future based practices that we want in our institutions thank you, I beg to support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. K’omudho.

Hon. K’omudho (MCA, Muhoroni-Koru): Thank you, Madam Speaker, and fellow colleagues I rise this afternoon so that I may support the report for adoption by the Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

Madam, Speaker and Honourable Members, I want to be very brief. In summary yesterday in the sessions we had an almost similar report based on the Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital that sits directly in my ward. Again, today we are walking into the same situation, whereby the same scenario in financial misappropriation is the order of the day.

Madam Speaker, you will realize that we have very poor services in these facilities because of the management of the few resources that are being channeled in the same institutions. These facilities have become a cash-cow, if I may use that language, the little resources that is being disbursed from the Executive arm of the County Government of Kisumu, is being utilized purposely for personal gains.

Madam Speaker, a lot of issues are basically touching on the financial mismanagement, and we will be happy to see people being arrested because of this. A lot of money is going into waste because of the staff that we have in these facilities. Madam Speaker, as I conclude, I wish to point out to the Select Committee on Implementations through the able Honourable Chairperson, that let her go down to the roots and ensure meaningful engagements with the relevant committees probably for us to see serious actions being taken against the culprits. Otherwise, these issues will go on unresolved, you will walk to these facilities there are no drugs, like I mentioned yesterday. Muhoroni Sub-County has reached a level where even the patients are going without the meals. Thank you, Madam Speaker, we seem to be having some issues with system and I will leave it at that. I support the adoption of the report, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. Bill.

Hon. Odhiambo (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Madam Speaker, we have been having reports from the Public Investments and Accounts Committee, and the health reports are nearly the same because if you look at the recommendations, it is either money was spent in a manner that it is not in concurrence with the Laws of the land.

Secondly, we have accountants who are not qualified, for this case we had an accountant that was not qualified. If you look at the recommendations, nearly everything touches on the accountant that is in place. Madam Speaker, I am still worried, the other reports that we had from

the Public Investments and Accounts Committee on health is similar to this, and going by this trend it means that other reports that we are going to get, either the accountant is not qualified, there are no records of the financial statements or the cash flow or there were receipts to be issued to clients or patients, things like that Madam Speaker. It is worrying and I believe, as a House through the Select Committee on Implementation, we should hold the County Executive to account, so that we at least get to know where money was lost, we should see somebody giving back that money, or we should see the County Executive sending somebody to court. Because, all the principles of Public Finance Management Act, which indicates that we should be open and if you look at the report, you will realize that openness is not there. That is because, by the time the Auditor is perusing through the Books of Accounts you realize that some of the documents that the Auditor needed, were not given. Thirdly, those that are accorded the responsibility of appropriation of funds. We are not seeing any sign showing us that there is a responsible way in which that entity is managing funds. Reason being, you cannot say you are managing funds yet you do not have qualified personnel to do that. So, am worried if this is the trend then Kisumu County Government is going to lose a lot of money.

Therefore, I am urging the Implementation Committee because Kisumu County needs to get value for money; we need to see the true reason why we have devolution in Kenya. At least we should see the County Executive doing something for this Kisumu County. We should be able to see the money that is lost because I am seeing here we have around Kshs. 50,000 that was even paid to members of the board whom their term had expired. It is so worrying if can pay people who are not recognized by the system. It means that nobody cares in that entity because they know that there is nothing that is going to happen. Madam Speaker, I want to urge this House that at least in this Report a few weeks to come we shall see something done. We have very good recommendations and I do not want this report to also gather dusts. Thank you, Madam Speaker and I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Hon. Bennie Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, colleagues have made their recommendations on this Report and when you look at their contributions, they are not happy with the way the finances are being managed. They are referring to previous records that have been tabled in this House and they are wondering what should be done to improve the financial management in our health facilities.

Madam Speaker, it is good that the office of Auditor General has flagged out matters that need to be addressed. Besides the matters that have made them say that the report is Adverse; poorly managed and money not properly spent. Madam Speaker, in this scenario I have also made statement in the past years and when I will be asked to say I support or I do not support, I have always said the recommendations and the observation being made by PIC/PAC Committee are window dressing observations. When this kind of report comes to pass like this one, twelve

matters flagged out by the office of the Auditor General on the financial management of Chulaimbo Sub-County Hospital by the end of the Financial Year 30th June 2022. This became necessary because initially these health facilities were being managed from the County Treasury. Besides, it was felt that they should be made semi-autonomous and that is why the Kisumu County Facility Improvement Fund Act was established.

(The deputy Speaker vacates her Chair)

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Emily Oginga chairs)

Madam Speaker, the picture we are getting is that of poor financial management. When the office of the Auditor General gives us that picture, our work is to go through the record and ask the next government institution authorized to find matters raised by the office of the Auditor General for further investigation to do their work and this is Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). The stories being given here of 60 days, 90 days Madam Speaker, it is not our work to ask for further records to do the audit. Our work is simply to give recommendation to the relevant authority so that the County Executive would see the seriousness of the audited report. All these stories being given by the PIC/PAC Committee would not give the seriousness of the work done by the office of the Auditor General. If money wired from the County Executive to a health facility cannot be seen at a glance that this is the money wired; it is Kshs. 5.9 million, it is over Kshs. 8.3 million and those are the stories that they need to reconcile. Besides, when they say it is being reconciled, they are now not informing this House why there was an error in the first place. Why it was Kshs. 8.3 Million and not Kshs. 5.9 Million. This House Committee is not saying that this is because, if Kshs. 5.9 Million is wired from County Treasury to Chulaimbo Sub-County Hospital, that should be very clear and acknowledge that this is the money received. The same story is in all our all health facilities. That means there is a *ping pong* game being played because it is found in this our all facilities Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, let us not take the responsibility that is not ours and makes us dilute the work of Government Institution that is supposed to do its work that is the EACC. Otherwise, we know the stories of audited reports in Kisumu County. As embarrassing as it is and we also continue going this way, we are not helping the County Executive or the Governor and we are also not doing proper oversight.

Madam Speaker, let the Select Committee of PIC/PAC be aware and I am repeating today that they are a let down to this House, to people of Kisumu County and to His Excellency Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyongó. This is because when the Governor is not showed things that are wrong and also not asked that; we found this and we have raised an alarm on this and we want this matter be further investigated. He will not know bad things going on within his Government and I am seeing the crocodiles are also listening to me and had echoed that and he will take it seriously.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Order!! Hon. Oiko Pete,

Hon Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Yes, Madam Speaker,

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Hon. Pete, are you implying that we have animals in this House?

Hon Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): No Madam Speaker, we don't have an animal in the House ...when we also come to employees are seriously being underpaid. The general wage Bill as given by the National Government of about thirteen thousand is not being paid to the employees. What they are being paid is peanuts. It means therefore that the employees at Chulaimbo Sub County Hospital are demoralized. Even when someone is employed as a casual labourer, he/she needs to get his / her dues so that he/ she feels happy. But, when he/she is underpaid, the weight is reflected here Madam Speaker. They are demoralized and they would not work effectively.

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Oginga vacates)

(The Deputy Speaker Hon. Okombo chairs)

Madam Speaker, when we go to page fourteen of the report; unsupported claims here is the matter of Pending Bills. When a record was brought to this office by the Budget and Appropriations on Debt Management, we were informed that Kisumu County has a Stock of Debt totaling to Kshs 5 Billion. That is a record in this Assembly which we can refer to given the authority. We are now being informed that Chulaimbo has a pending bill varying between Kshs 4.8 Million to Kshs 4.8 Million. This cuts across all the health facilities. That gives a picture of the pending bills in Kisumu County may not only be the Kshs 5 Billion that we were told. It is likely to spike. Madam Speaker, when we see this kinds of pending bills and the money that was allocated to the facility is also not well spent, it gives room for a lot to be asked. How do our people get value for their money? Madam Speaker, a lot of matters are raised in this report and the only way this House should go and make this County Government of Kisumu realize that things are not working out nicely is to recommend this kind of report to EACC for further investigation. And when...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta "B"): Order!! Hon. Pete! Hon. Pete, you have very good recommendations and I advised that further recommendations can be made from the floor but then, the right procedure has to be followed. Hon. Pete, you are one of the Members who has the privilege of getting a hard copy of any report or motion on the floor. So, I advise that your good recommendations going forward be channeled using the right procedures so that they can be incorporated into the general recommendations for necessary action just as you recommend. But, just debating like that and letting them go Hon. Pete is not adding any substance. However, your concerns are genuine but, you needed to have forwarded them for

proper channeling. Hon. Oiko, I believe that you are winding up because your time is up because I want to give you one more minute to summarize.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, the advice is taken but we have a problem, let this House Committee give the right direction so that we also make our recommendations I beg to submit.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you, Hon. Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi/Onjiko): Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to join my Honourable Colleagues in this Report on the Floor. Madam Speaker, Health is one of the department with the highest Recurrent Expenditure in term of budgetary allocation in this County while some departments like Roads, Education, Water and Agriculture are only allocated Ksh. 3,000,000 to Ksh. 400,000,000 while health is being allocated Ksh. 2.5billion. Madam Speaker, this is the department where you find a number of staffs are not even adhering with PMF Act. Madam Speaker, something has to be done to this department because I can remember in this department we have a lot of Reports of more than five and nothing has been done towards this department. So, we need to do something that will tame these rogue officers who are not adhering to the provision of the PMF Act Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we have what we call Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) Act that was recently established. Some facilities cannot account for their FIF money, so I want to join my colleagues in this and I want to request this House that we need to do something to this Department so that we bring sanity to the Department. Otherwise, I support the report, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Odari.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Whip because of your seniority and I believe that today you are doubling up as the Chief Whip and the Leader of Majority, given the seat that you are standing in, I want to accord you that privilege. Thereafter the Whip has contributed. I will give Hon. Omuya and Hon. Odari, in that order.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to give my remarks on this report for the financial year 2021/2022, I believe 30th June as earlier presented by Hon. Geoffrey Warindu on behalf of Hon. Ken Ouko who is the chair. First, Madam Speaker I want to say that if there is any working Committee in this Honourable House then it is PIC/PAC Committee and I want to commend the leadership of Hon. Ken Ouko and equally acknowledge the work which has been done by Hon. Warindu of present the reports on behalf of the Chair who is away on official duties.

Madam Speaker, if you may look at the report there is an element of financial statement being prepared by unqualified officer which means that it is not a financial statement, that’s why the

opinion of the Auditor General was that it was Adverse. We don't call it financial statement it is something else, it is not a financial statement because at the inception the rules of Procurement and Disposal Act of 2015 were not adhered to, some items may have been procured beyond the financial statements and that's a violation of the Procurement and Disposal Act of 2015.

Madam Speaker, you will realize that the Hon. Warindu, alluded that Public Finance Management Act of 2012 were not adhered and that includes the PFM Regulations, 2015. Madam Speaker, even the Chulaimbo Sub-County Hospital is represented by none other than the Chair of Health Committee in this Honourable House that is the Hon. Vincent Jagongo. Madam Speaker, if a facility that falls within the jurisdiction of the Chairman of Health Committee is that which is mismanaged to that level what about the facility which is represented by Hon. K'omudho which was presented here yesterday. Madam Speaker, a lot of question arise because this is just the financial statement for the year ending 30th June, 2021/2022, the House Committee is yet to receive the Auditor General's report of the financial year 2022/2023 and also the financial year 2023/2024 which is coming to a close in just a few days because the financial year is closing in 30th June.

Madam Speaker, that is an indicator that serious malpractices are happening within our procurement entities and I wish that this House committee could consolidate these reports so that the Department of Finance which is headed by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning, who equally has the jurisdiction or the powers to appoint accounting officers is equally informed and called before this House so that he is able to see the anomalies which are happening in our health institutions.

Madam Speaker, recently we have been talking about health elevation of JOOTRH to a Level VI Hospital, yet in our primary health facilities that are serving the residents of this county in our respective sub county and wards, serious anomalies are going on yet, the Members who represent these facilities are the ones sitting in this House. There is a serious problem and I want to concur with Hon. Pete but I want to disagree with him again, because the Select Committee of PIC PAC has been presenting very elaborate reports with far-reaching observations and recommendation. Yet, nothing has been done and nothing is forthcoming. The Select Committee on Implementation has also been urged to always to look into whether these recommendations being presented by the Select Committee of PIC PAC are adhered to and implemented by the relevant authority. Madam Speaker, I rest my case I don't want to speak much but because other Members also are yearning to go to contribute to this report. Madam Speaker, I support the recommendations and support report, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Hon. Millicent Omuya, the floor is yours.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Madam Speaker, I am similarly rise to support the report. I've made some observation, it is like when you listen and go through all the reports, the design is one, the observations recommendations are the same, and they have a lot of similarities.

Madam Speaker, I want to say this and I want to echo what other Members have stated, the other time when we were talking about some report, that was yesterday, I said that like now we are going through the sub county hospital report but there is need that we go and dig deeper like where I am coming from we have Rata Health Center. I want to inform this House that the Casuals Labourer there have gone for 13 months without salary. I am surprised or rather shocked that a facility can have staffs, clinicians and nurses earning salaries but those people doing other jobs are earning zero shillings. Chances are high that they will start stealing from the institution.

Madam Speaker, I am just appealing to my fellow Members that let's not bury our heads in the sand. We have a responsibility as Members of the parliament, there are those people who are responsible, the most responsible officers in the department of health with all that colossal budget allocated to the Department of Health, let these people give us value for money or else we shall be cheating ourselves and we cannot bring them to task, then it is also needless to come and debate or discuss this reports here, I stand to support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Hon. Odari.

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Madam Speaker, when I want to contribute, you refused to give me the opportunity to contribute, let me just say this because you have called me.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Hon. Odari, just before you continue, there are precedence that has been set and you know when the Chief Whip who is doubling up as the Leader of Majority today, stands up to speak, then it is in order that we give the Chief Whip time to speak then we give other Member time later and I don't believe Hon. Odari that should form a point of discussion.

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Madam Speaker, I'm not talking about that, it was before the debate started but anyway, there is no problem. I just want to say that this House Committee has done a very good job led by my friend Hon. Ouko. Madam Speaker, I've realized one thing that since the Select Committee of PIC/PAC started bringing their reports to this Assembly, I have realized that all the hospitals in the in our county are having problems in terms of management of their finances. Again, you realize that some of the workers are not competent and that is the main reason why you realize lack of proper services in these health facilities, unless there is something which is going on in those hospitals. Thank you Madam Speaker. I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo): Hon. Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me begin by first commending this House Committee for an excellent job on this Report. I believe it is a well-crafted and document. Madam Speaker, since the PIC/PAC Committee began reviewing these Reports, we have observed some consistent trends and similarities across various facilities. This should be a matter of concern not only to us but also to the County Executive wing.

Madam Speaker, I want to inform this House that whenever an Adverse Opinion is expressed in a Report, it indicates that the facility or organization has failed to adhere to the generally accepted accounting principles, commonly known as Financial Regulations. This is evident in all these Reports. Consequently, this non-compliance has created loopholes that can be exploited by office bearers within these departments, leading to funds that cannot be accounted for, as highlighted in the Report.

Based on this Report, and to the best of my knowledge, I believe that whenever there are unaccounted funds, the Report should be forwarded for further investigation by the EACC or DCI. Moving in this direction will help us prevent the significant loss of funds through such means. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I fully support this motion.

(Silence)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, It appears we have concluded our submissions. If no other Member wishes to contribute further, we can proceed by inviting the mover to reply.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and to the Members who have contributed to today’s debate. The primary purpose of debating and presenting the Audited Report of our entities is to provide the Assembly and the public with a clear picture of how our facilities are being managed.

Madam Speaker, our responsibility is to ensure the prudent, responsible, and accountable use of public resources. Over the past two weeks, it has become evident from the Reports we have reviewed that there is a lack of openness and transparency in the reporting of financial usage. Many facilities and their management have contravened the Public Finance Management Act by not adhering to established procedures and guidelines. This issue is partly due to this being the first time we are auditing the Sub-County Hospitals, which explains the uniformity in the Reports across all Sub-Counties. We discovered that only one unregistered and unqualified roaming accountant was preparing these Reports, which may explain the pervasive Adverse findings.

Madam Speaker, one assurance we received is that the PIC/PAC Committee's oversight has shed light on these issues, prompting the department to ensure that each Sub-County and facility will have a qualified accountant. We hope to see a different audit outcome next year.

Madam Speaker, the Report highlights that some Members of Board whose despite their expiry of their term in office continued to receive payments. We have recommended that the department and the accounting officer initiate processes to recover these funds. Additionally, the underpayment of casual workers is a widespread across our health facilities. Despite their hard work and sacrifices, many casual workers either go unpaid or are underpaid. Our recommendations include stipulating the minimum wage for casual workers, which we expect the facility management to follow.

The Health Department is a key pillar in our County, often praised from various quarters. I hope they will adopt this spirit of excellence and ensure that public resources allocated to these facilities are managed properly. Some facilities are being run like personal enterprises, which should not be the case. I believe the management is aware of these Reports and debates and will take action to improve facility management.

Madam Speaker, regarding pending bills, Chulaimbo Sub-County Hospital alone has a pending bill of close to Kshs 8 million. This underscores the need to ascertain the total pending bills within Kisumu County. Hence, we have recommended that the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning, and ICT present this Assembly with accurate information on the Pending Bills within 60 days.

Madam Speaker, the recurring nature of our recommendations and contributions indicates a need for the management and County Executive to take our Reports seriously. If our recommendations are fully implemented, the CEC and DCIO, whom some Members have been seeking involvement from, will have actionable items to address. It is disheartening that despite our far-reaching recommendations, those who violated the Public Finance Management Act in 2022 are still employed by the County Government of Kisumu, with no significant changes each financial year. We must question our effectiveness as Members of this Assembly in our oversight role.

Madam Speaker, when a Report is presented to this House, it should not be confined to the respective House Committee. As an Assembly, we must collectively ensure the implementation of recommendations. This County belongs to us, and what happens here affects us all. It is in our best interest, and that of our constituents, to ensure the judicious use of public resources.

Madam Speaker, I firmly believe that if we work together with Kisumu County's best interests at heart, we will not continue to see these Adverse Reports or discuss the same recurring issues each year. With these remarks, Madam Speaker, I beg to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, a Motion by PIC/PAC Committee, on the Auditor General’s Report on the Financial Statements of

Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2022 has been moved seconded and deliberated upon, I therefore want to put a question of adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, the Report is hereby adopted today Wednesday 29th May, 2024 at 16:06 hours. Consequently, I direct that the report together with the Hansard be prepared and forwarded to the relevant departments for necessary actions.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, there be no any other business the House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 30th May, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

(House rose at 4:07 p.m.)

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