NANDI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday 7th September 2017

The House met at 9.30am

The Clerk of the County Assembly (Mr. Barnaba Kosgei) in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

WELCOMING REMARKS

The Clerk of the County Assembly: I take this opportunity to welcome you to the County Assembly’s first sitting. Let me recognize the presence of the following: County Commissioner Lucy Mulili, Mike Dawn of Kenya Law Reforms Commission, Catherine Kathetwa of Kenya Reform Commission and Francis Gacho the Division Administration Police Commandant Nandi Central and all other guests. Thank you for gracing today’s occasion. It is my privilege to welcome you to Nandi County Assembly. Standing order number 3(1) (a) provides that on the first sitting of a new County Assembly, the Clerk shall read the notice convening the County Assembly as published and gazette. Hon. Members, I now proceed to read the notification of His Excellency the Governor: Legal Notice number 2, the Constitution of Kenya County Government Act number 17 of 2012, the County Assembly Standing Orders, the County Assembly of Nandi notification of the first sitting of the new assembly. I paraphrase:- Pursuant to Standing Order number 3, (1) and 27 of Nandi County Assembly Standing order, it is notified for the Members and the general public that the Governor of Nandi County appoints that the first sitting of the second county assembly shall be held at Nandi County Assembly Chambers in Kapsabet on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 9 am. The Legal notice is dated 29th Aug 2017.

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LIST OF ELECTED AND NOMINATED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

This is the legal notice laid on the table: The Standing Orders number 3(1) further requires that the first sitting of a new Assembly, pursuant to the governor’s notification, the Clerk shall lay a list of names of the members elected on the table and the County Assembly. I now proceed to lay the list of the nominated and elected members of the County Assembly.
(The Clerk of the County Assembly laid the list of Members of County Assembly on the table)

They are as follows; the Members are listed in order of precedence;

Hon. Singoei Pius Kaptel/Kamoiywo Ward
Hon. Kedogo Jackson Swadi Kabwareng Ward
Hon. Sang Wilson Kipkirui Chepkumia Ward
Hon. Chepkwony Samwel Kipkurui Tinderet Ward
Hon. Chumba Milka Jerobon. Kipkaren Ward
Hon. Chepnyango Jostine Songhor/Soba Ward
Hon. Kevolwe Geoffrey Imbuchi Kiptuiya Ward
Hon. Kipkemboi Fredrick Kapsabet Ward
Hon. Kirongo Eliud K Kapkangani Ward
Hon. Maiyo Charles Jacob Maraba Ward
Hon. Murrey Pius Kiprop Kurgung/Surungai Ward
Hon. Chepkemei Clarah Nominated
Hon. Chepkoech Jane Nominated
Hon. Chepkwoeny Philip Nominated
Hon. Cheruiyot Elphas Kipkemboi Chepterwai Ward
Hon. Chesang Rose Nominated
Hon. Chemutai Nancy Kobujoi Ward
Hon. Jepkosgei Cynthia Kilibwoni Ward
Hon. Kiplagat John Kebebei Kapchorua Ward
Hon. Kiplagat Eliud Ndalat Ward
Hon. Kiplagat Walter Kabiyet Ward
Hon. Kirwa Dorcas Nominated
Hon. Kirwa Robert Kipchirchir Chemundu Ward
Hon. Koech David Kipyego Kaptumo/Kaboi Ward
Hon. Koech Gideon Kipkemei Nandi Hills Ward
Hon. Korir Charles Kimeli Kabisaga Ward
Hon. Komen Osborn Kimeto Terik Ward
Hon. Maiyo Teresa Jebitok Nominated
Hon. Maru Willy Kipkosgei Sangalo/Kebulonik Ward
Hon. Morogo David Bwambok Lelmokwo/Ngechek Ward
Hon. Ngetich Joshua Kipkosgei Kosirai Ward
Hon. Margaret Butia Nyaantu Nominated
Hon. Rono Emmanuel Kipkirong Ol’lessos Ward
Hon. Rono Magdalene Cheptoo Koiyo/ Ndurio Ward
Hon. Rotich Rael Kapsimotwo Ward
Hon. Sanga Paul Kiptarbei Chepkunuyuk Ward
Hon. Serem Hillary Kiptanui                  Chemelil/Chemase Ward
Hon. Some Cornelius Kibet                     Nominated

We have 38 Members in total. Philemon Rop’s name was gazetted but he will not be sworn in because of a court order. He was on the list of gender top up and the top up was a female. The IEBC will follow up to get a lady to fill that position.

I stipulate the procedure. If you profess a particular faith, you will take an administration of oath, if not, you take an affirmation. Standing order 3(1) (c) states that on the first sitting of a new Assembly pursuant to the Governor’s notice, the Clerk shall administer an oath of office or affirmation provided for in the first schedule to all Members present in the orders set out in Standing Order 3(2) which provides that the clerk shall administer the oath of office or affirmation to Members in the alphabetical order, using the following orders of precedence;

(a) Members with the longest cumulative period in the Assembly;
(b) in any other legislative and;
(c) All other members in alphabetical order.

It is also important to observe Standing Order 3(3) which provides that pursuant to Article 74 of the Constitution, no other person should perform functions of the office before subscribing to oath of office, individual Members will take oath of office or affirmation in the prescribed form. Standing Order 3(4) provides that, when the clerk is administering the oath of office, or before he administers the oath, any question arising from the Assembly shall be determined by the Clerk who shall, during that period, exercise the powers of the Speaker. A member shall be called out, proceed to the podium on my right and opt to take the oath or affirmation in accordance to the respective religious persuasion. After the oath, the Member of County Assembly shall proceed to subscribe to the oath on the table on my left by signing the oath book.

We are ready to commence. We will call out the names in that order.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

The oath of allegiance was administered to the following Members of County Assembly

Hon. Singoei Pius                          Kaptel/Kamoiywo Ward
Hon. Kedogo Jackson Swadi                 Kabwareng Ward
Hon. Sang Wilson Kipkirui                 Chepkumia Ward
Hon. Chepkwony Samwel Kipkurui           Tinedret Ward
Hon. Chumba Milka Jerobon.                Kipkaren Ward
Hon. Chepnyango Jostine                   Songhor/Soba Ward
Hon. Kevolwe Geoffrey Imbuchi             Kiptuiya Ward
Hon. Kipkemboi Fredrick                   Kapsabet Ward
Hon. Kirongo Eliud K                      Kapkangani Ward
Hon. Maiyo Charles Jacob                  Maraba Ward
Hon. Murrey Pius Kiproop                  Kurgung/Surungai Ward
The Clerk of the County Assembly: Let me take this opportunity to recognize the presence of Nandi County Woman Member of Parliament Hon. Dr. Tecla Tum.

Thank you Hon. Members, this is to confirm that all Hon. Members present have been sworn in and have subscribed to the affirmation of oath of office because the next business requires that any Member of County Assembly who has not been sworn in will not participate in the election of the Speaker. If there is any Member who has not been sworn in, we will now swear them in. Clerks at the table to confirm.

(Clerk at the table confirmed that all the Members of County Assembly have been sworn in)
The Clerk of the County Assembly: Hon. Members it has been confirmed that all the Hon. Members have been sworn in. Allow me to congratulate all of you on your occasion to the office of the Member of County Assembly in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya, County Government Act and the Nandi County Assembly Standing Orders.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Hon. Members, we are now going to the next important stage that is the election of the Speaker. I am going to read to you the gazette notice No.4821 as they continue to prepare the table for the exercise.
The County Government Act No.17, of 2012, Nandi County Assembly Standing Orders, declaration of the vacancy of the office of the Speaker. It reads:
It is notified for the information of the general public that pursuant to Article 178 (1) of the Constitution read together with section 21 (1) of elections Act 2011 and County Assembly Standing Order No.4, the office of the Speaker of the County Assembly shall become vacant upon the first sitting of the County Assembly.
Article 178 (1) of the Constitution provides that each County Assembly shall have a Speaker elected by the County Assembly from among persons who are not Members of the County Assembly. So we will not expect one of you to aspire for the post of the Speaker. The law does not allow.
Pursuant to Nandi County Assembly Standing Orders No. 3 (1), and 27 His Excellency the Governor of the Government of Nandi, has filed legal notice number two, dated 29th August 2017, I hereby give it out to be distributed for the Members. The first sitting of the County Assembly shall be held at Nandi County Assembly chambers on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 9 am accordingly.
The office of the Clerk invited interested persons who qualified to be elected for the position of the Speaker of the County Assembly. They were informed to collect nomination forms from the office of the Clerk at County Assembly buildings in Kapsabet from 1st September 2017 between 8 am and 4 pm.
There were so many aspirants who took the nomination papers. They were over twenty one. We have recorded the names in the respective registrars. The names and the details are in our custody in case of future reference.
The following were the requirements:

(a) Dully filled application forms.
(b) Certified copy of the candidate’s identification card or passport
(c) Certified copies of academic certificates.
(d) Current certificate of good conduct from the National Police Service
(e) Current clearance from the Higher Education Loans Board
(f) Current clearance from the Kenya Revenue Authority
(g) Current clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission
(h) A copy of curriculum vitae
(i) Current clearance certificate from Credit Reference Bureau

I am happy to say that they were submitted. Another qualification that was required was that a candidate must be proposed and seconded. Among all that applied only ten met the criteria and the names are as follows:

(1) Chelimo Mildred
(2) Cheruiyot Willy Kipkoech
(3) Chumo David Kiptoo
(4) Kiptoo Joshua
(5) Kirwa Kennedy
(6) Kisorio Gedion Kibet
(7) Kitur Elijah
(8) Koros Eric Mutai
(9) Nyongio Eric Kipkemboi Rotich
(10) Tarus George

Those are the candidates that met the criteria and subsequently we have placed them in the advert. Hon. Members, we are now moving to the critical part of the election of the Speaker and pursuant to our Standing Orders it is stipulated that the election of the Speaker shall be done in secret ballot. We will adhere to the secret balloting and we have provided the ballot papers which I am going to explain in due course how you are going to carry out the exercise. We have provided the ballot booths close to where you sit, we have one on my right and the other one on my left. Hon. Members this is a very crucial exercise we will be free and fair. These are the ballot papers. The names of the candidates are listed in the order which I had read earlier and if you want to vote for example Mildred Chelimo, you will tick inside the box. It has to be within the box. Your mark should not exceed the lines of the box; it has to be inside. It is also acceptable if you mark with the symbol X, those are the only signs that we accept. We have even indicated the photograph of the candidates alongside their names on the left hand side and the box which you can write your mark. We want to be very clear. Any question?

(Hon. Kipkemboi spoke off-record)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Thank Hon. Kipkemboi. In the first instance, if a candidate will not garner more than 75% we will go to the second round of elections. It has to be two thirds majority in the first round you are 38 so 26 is the number needed for a candidate to be the Speaker of County Assembly anything less than that will call for second round and in the second round we will take the two with the highest number of votes, that is the first two, the one with a simple majority will be the Speaker. That is how it is in the Standing Orders which I supplied to you yesterday.

Any other question?

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Hon. Chepkwony Samwel: Thank you so much. I would wish that you give direction on the Constitution of the House. We have one Member who was not sworn in. Coming from the amendment of County Government Act, it was stated that we must have a fully constituted House before we transact business, thank you.

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Our Acts and Standing Orders stipulate that those who are present and have already taken the oath of office can take part in the election. We are strictly restricted to Standing Order No.38. So we require 26, I know you are all mathematicians---

(Hon. Murrey on a point of enquiry)

Hon. Murrey: Clerk, just for clarification, is it two thirds or 75% I thought it is 67%.

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Thank you very much for being observant. It is actually two thirds according to the Standing Orders. I wanted to know if you have gone through the Standing Orders I supplied to you yesterday. Two thirds is 25.3 which brings us to 26 because there is no half of a human being, that makes it 26. I think we are now ready for the elections, any other question? We want to get it right.

Hon. Sang: Clerk, as we speak, I think we need two thirds but in the removal of Speaker from office I think it is 75%. But since we are electing I think we need 26---

(Hon. Member spoke off-record)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: That is why I have said if we do not get the required threshold we will go for a second round of election and we will pick the first two with the highest number of votes.

For the purpose of clarity Standing Order number 7, election threshold, and a person shall be elected as Speaker unless supported in a ballot with two thirds of the votes in the first round. The Clerk in the table will call your names in the order in which you were sworn in. You will proceed quietly to cast your vote in secret according to our Standing Order No.6.

(Hon. Kipkurui Chepkwony on a point of enquiry)

Hon. Kipkurui Chepkwony: Thank you Clerk, I would wish to enquire since you have indicated every candidate was required to have a proposer and seconder is it in order for you to proceed and read the names of proposed and seconded and have qualified?

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Hon. Member, I have not finished but what we shall supply is the CV of all candidates to all Members and the 10 who have been shortlisted have a proposer and seconder.

I want to instruct the sergeant- at -arms to display the box.

(The sergeant-at-arms displayed the empty ballot box)

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The Clerk of the County Assembly: Thank you very much. The applause means that you have confirmed that it is empty.
I now instruct the sergeant-at-arms to seal ballot box.

(The Clerk at the table read SJS9, serial number of the seal used to seal the ballot box)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: As he continues to seal, once we start the process let us vote in silence and maintain order.

(The Clerk at the table requested Hon. Kirongo to use the black seals to seal the box)
(The Sergeant at arms displayed a sealed ballot box)

I would like to ask the Clerk at the table to read out the names of the Hon. Members. When you are called upon you will proceed in front and use the booth that is convenient to you. Place a mark secretly, then come place your ballot in the ballot box.

(The ballot papers were issued to the Hon. Members in the order they were sworn in and they proceeded to vote)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: To the best of my knowledge I think all Hon. Members have voted. We will open the box and count the votes.

(The Sergeant-at-arms opened the ballot box)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Due to minimal space, we wished to have at least one agent for each and every candidate but I think we are all close enough. We can only have some representatives to be observers because the ten of us will not fit this space here. The clerks at the table will assist in counting. Thank you.

(The votes cast were counted by the clerks at the table and confirmed to be thirty eight)

The Clerk of the County Assembly: Now we want the votes be separated according to whom it has been voted for.

(The Clerk at the table counted the votes)

Kiptoo Joshua - 31

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The exercise being undertaken is signing and of course the agent will also sign to witness that it becomes proof.

(Loud consultations)

Order Hon. Members. Let me announce the results.

Chelimo Mildred – 0
Willy Kipkoech – 0
Kiptoo Joshua - 31
Kirwa Kennedy- 1
Kitur Elijah- 1
George Tarus – 1
Kisorio Gideon – 4
Koros Eric Mutai – 0
Nyongio Rotich – 0
The votes cast- 38
Rejected votes- 0
Spoilt votes- 0

I now take this time to announce the winner who happens to be Kiptoo Joshua who garnered thirty one votes out of thirty eight.

(Applause)

Standing order No. 7, a person shall not be elected as Speaker unless supported in a ballot by votes of two thirds of all Members. Mr. Kiptoo Joshua got 31 votes thus surpassing the threshold which is above two thirds and I therefore declare him the Speaker of Nandi County Assembly.

(Applause)

I am now instructing the Sergeant- at-arms to move out, search, find one Mr. Joshua Kiptoo and bring him here.

(Laughter)

(The Sergeant-at-arms ushered in Hon. Joshua Kiptoo into the Chambers)
The Clerk of the County Assembly: Hon. Members, with you is Mr. Speaker, Hon. Joshua Kiptoo.

(Applause)
I have confirmed he is the one. He therefore proceeds to take the oath.

(The elected Speaker took the oath of office)

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Kiptoo): Hon. Members, the Clerk, staff of the Assembly, distinguished guests and gentlemen, I am humble to address this Hon. Assembly in the privilege capacity the Assembly has just bestowed on me as its Speaker. Before submitting to the will of the Assembly and trusting me with this new capacity, I hasten to congratulate all Members of the County Assembly for the campaign you staged in pursuit of your interest to represent in the Assembly, in the just completed general elections. Being here today is the testament of the trust and confidence that the great people of Nandi County have bestowed into us to constitute the legislative arm of our County Government and represent the interest in this Assembly of reason.

It is evident that we are all euphoric of the victories which you earned on 8th of August. I am also euphoric about my own victory which has just been granted by this Assembly. However, we should immediately embark on our duties of delivering on the duty the people of Nandi County on the mandate bestowed to us individually as the representative of the respective wards and collectively as an Assembly. I challenge you in the words of Polybius, a great Greek historian who I quote, that; ‘those that know how to win are much more numerous than those who know how to make proper use of their victories.’

Five years from today, the people of Nandi County will audit our individual and collective suitability in this Assembly on the basis of the difference we shall have made on their livelihood and the margins by which we won. As we commence the first session of the County Assembly, I urge all of us to make meaning out of our respective victories by immediately embarking on service to the people of Nandi County, both individually as well as the Assembly. As well as utilize as stepping blocks to realize optimal performance of the Assembly.

I thank you for the faith and honor for electing me the second Speaker of this Assembly. I solemnly undertake to be faithful and custodial to the Constitution as well as the statutes relating to the management of the business of the Assembly. As your Speaker, I purpose to steer this Assembly to ensure that it meets its legislative, oversight, representative and replications in the manner that it meets the needs and aspirations of the great people and to optimally develop our County and render the best services to our people, this Assembly must purpose with a framework to service a road map to our County and to make it great. Moreover, the Assembly will be called upon to exercise stringent oversight of the implementation of programmes with an equal measure of enthusiasm as it legislates. We will not just legislate but we will go out there to audit, we will work
with the people, we will do public participation, because that is what the Assembly is about. We are not just going to sit in this House but go out there and hold onto the same people who voted us and show them since they had the faith in us we are here to serve them. It is my sincere hope that this Assembly and the Executive will build progressive synergy that prioritizes the interests of our people over their respective competing interests, without compromising the kind of principle of separation of powers that bedrocks effective oversight of the Assembly as well as the Executive. As I conclude, allow me to inspire you with the words of Leroy Eimes, who said that “a leader is one who sees more than others, who sees further than others and who sees before others see.” As elected people of Nandi County, I challenge you to relentlessly render the best services and in vision making Nandi County the true home of Champions of devolution. I acknowledge and pass my appreciation to my worthy competitors. They deserved it, they showed their intentions, to be part of the County Government. We extend our hand of partnership here we are saying we will fight to have them working with us for they have shown their desire. As we finish, I ask the people to support the Assembly, not to look at the assembly as another institution out there but look at it as an assembly that is domicile within here. Devolution made us come back home to bring the urban difference and to make home. When we make the decision to come and work here, it is because we mean well and we have to live by the people. The best thing I can ask our dear people of Nandi County, we ask you to work with us. Hold our hands. Don’t stay away. We accept criticism, but we also expect you to acknowledge where we do well. With all that Hon. Members, the invited members of the public, I wish to say that I am so elated. I don’t have words to express my joy, but at the moment, the biggest thinking in my mind is, how we can convert it into real opportunities. I put it in my heart and my head and I will remember the confidence, the love and the support of the Hon. Members. I want to make it clear, a declaration, that the County Assembly of 2017-2022 will be an Assembly with a difference, the same Members will come back to you, not asking for votes because of it but of what they have done. God bless the Assembly and the entire Nandi County.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Speaker (Hon. Kiptoo): Hon. Members, article 178(2) (b) of the Constitution provides that a sitting of a County Assembly shall be presided over by in the absence of the Speaker, another Member elected by the Assembly. Standing Order 14(1) as soon as practicable, after the election of a Speaker following a general election, a Deputy Speaker shall be elected. Standing Order 14(2) further provides that the Speaker shall preside over the election of the Deputy Speaker.

The procedure of electing a Deputy Speaker shall with necessary modification be the same with that of the Speaker. Following media announcement of two newspapers for declaration of vacancy of Deputy Speaker. The following hon. Members applied and were cleared by the Clerk upon meeting the requisite qualifications for the position of Deputy Speaker: Hon. Maiyo Teresa, Hon. Maru Willy Kipkosgey and Hon. Sang Wilson Kipkirui. The procedure for conducting election in this instance is the same as that used to elect Speaker as provided for under the Standing Order.
No.6. I now direct that the ballot box be opened, confirmed if it is empty and then locked. I now direct that names of hon. Members be called out and individually pick the ballot paper to vote. We can now proceed.

(Ballot box is sealed)
(Names of hon. Members were called and each proceeded to cast their vote)
(Voting completed)
(Agents were called forward and ballot cast sort as per candidate)
(The votes cast were counted)

Maiyo Teresa Jibitok 3
Sang Wilson 26
Maru Willy Kipkosgey 8
Rejected 1

The Clerk of the County Assembly: According to our Standing Orders No. 7(2) and even (1) a person shall not be elected as Speaker unless supported in a ballot by the votes of two thirds of all Members. In the election of Deputy Speaker. It says, 14(6) the procedure of voting a Deputy Speaker shall with necessary modifications, be the same as that prescribed as with the election of the Speaker. We are following that of the Speaker and if no candidate is supported by two thirds of all Members, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes referred to in paragraph one and the candidates who in that ballot received the next highest number of votes shall alone stand for election in a further ballot and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the further ballot shall be elected Speaker. I think that the threshold has been met here because hon. Sang garnered 26 and thus we shall not go to the next round of voting.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Kiptoo): Hon. Members, it is my pleasure to announce the results of the just completed election of the Deputy Speaker. Total votes cast were 38, rejected vote 1, spoilt votes 0. I hereby declare Hon. Sang Wilson Kipkirui as the duly elected Deputy Speaker of Nandi County Assembly.

(Applause)

Congratulations hon. Member!

(The elected Deputy Speaker took the oath of office)

(Applause)
The Speaker (Hon. Kiptoo): Hon. Members, let me take this time to invite my predecessor and outgoing Speaker Hon. Cheluget to give his remarks and maybe a word of advice to the Assembly. Welcome.

Hon. Cheluget: Hon. Members, the newly elected Speaker of the County Assembly, the newly elected Deputy Speaker, members of the fourth estate, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. I don’t have much to say, I only have a few words and that is why I don’t have a written speech. First to congratulate all the Members of the Assembly who have been elected. I also wish to duly congratulate the elected Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for having been able to marshal the support of the House.

I also wish to say few words. I know we might get another chance when we get out, but I want to say that having been elected as Members of the County Assembly, you have been accorded the responsibility to serve the people of Nandi and the people of this Country. It is a privilege to serve and not a right and once you have that privilege it is your responsibility to give, the people who elected you and even those who did not, service and the overriding principle is service and truth. Stay truthful to the people irrespective of the situations that might come because you have been entrusted with an enormous responsibility to serve. I know we all have ambitions. We all have things we wish to achieve but as we do that we ensure that the first guiding principle is service. I also want to thank very much the Members who were there in the first Assembly. Those who managed to be re-elected and those who did not manage to be re-elected. It is not that they were too good to be elected nor the ones who were not elected, too bad they could not be elected. It is only that an opportunity has been given somebody else to serve in that position at that time.

Because this is not my day, I wish to say as the first Assembly Speaker, I did not contest for re-election, not because that I didn’t want to serve but I think opportunities will arise elsewhere that we can still serve. Both within this County and even outside but the thing that we want to do is to ensure that we keep support to those ones who have taken that responsibility at this moment to ensure that they deliver. Let nobody curtail those ones who have been given an opportunity because that mandate is not given by an individual but by the entire people of this County.

Finally, I will be available for those who wish to have some opportunity to ask one or two things but I am going out saying that we did our best with those ones who were in this Assembly before and with the staff of this Assembly despite the challenges that were there and the difficult situations that many people know. Still, we all say there is always a better future for all of us.

Thank you very much and may God bless you. I wish you well and we will continue to consult and meet one another in several other avenues. May God bless you.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Kiptoo): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to recognize the presence of the Deputy Speaker Vihiga County, present in the public gallery. We appreciate your presence to be with us.

ADJOURNMENT

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Hon. Members, considering the urgent matters pending for consideration by the House and pursuant to Standing Order No.13, which mandates me to notify the Members of the place, date and time of the opening of the County Assembly, I therefore notify Members that H.E the Governor shall open the new County Assembly on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 12.30pm at Nandi County Assembly chambers. I also want to invite all Hon. Members and their spouses together with other guests to a luncheon organized by the County Assembly at Eden Springs Hotel. For those that will be able to make it you are also invited to my home in Chemase where we will be headed in the afternoon after the luncheon. Due to the nature of the roads, the nature of vehicles that can access there are SUV’s. For those representatives that would wish to accompany us you are all welcome. Lastly, I want to welcome all the elected Members for a working dinner tonight at 8.30 pm. We will communicate the venue. Thank you so much.

(The House rose at 2.15pm)