

UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 5th September, 2017

The House Met at 9:20 AM

Second Assembly - First Sitting

(Convened by notification vide Legal Notice No.2 of 29th August 2017)

[The proceedings were opened with a prayer read by the Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga)]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

WELCOME TO HON. MEMBERS AND NOTIFICATION OF FIRST SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, this is the first sitting of the Second Assembly and we are privileged to have our Senator with us, Honourable Margaret Kamar. Thank you, *Mheshimiwa*. Honourable Members, it is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate you on your election and welcome you to the first sitting of the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu. Members, the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 3(2) provides as follows: -“On the first sitting of new County Assembly after general election, the Clerk shall-

(a) Read the notification of the Notice convening the County Assembly as published in the gazette at the County gazette. Honourable Members, pursuant to this provision, I shall now proceed to read the notification of the Governor appointing the first sitting, a date for the Second Assembly.

LEGAL NOTICE No.2 of 29th August, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA

COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ACT, 2012

FIRST SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY

I wish to paraphrase;-

In EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 136 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Standing Orders No. 3(1) and 23, His Excellency the Governor Jackson Kiplagat Mandago appointed that the first sitting of the Second Assembly of Uasin Gishu shall be held at the County Assembly Chambers, Uganda Road, Eldoret on 5th September, 2017 at 9.00 AM signed Honourable Jackson Kiplagat Mandago.

PAPERS LAID

LIST OF GAZETTED MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, Standing Order 3(2) b, also provides that on the first sitting of a new County Assembly after general

election, the Clerk shall lay a list of the names of persons elected or nominated as members on the table of the Assembly.

I will now proceed to lay on the Table of the County Assembly, a list of persons selected or nominated and it is contained in the Gazette notice No. CXIX No.124 of 28th August, 2017 and CXIX 121 of 27th August, 2017.

COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEGAL NOTICE CONVENING FIRST SITTING

Honourable Members, I also wish to lay out the table, the County Assembly Legal notice convening this first sitting. I will now proceed to laying the three documents on the table of the Assembly.

(The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga) laid the papers on the Table)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, Standing Order No. 31 and 23 requires that on the first sitting of a new County Assembly pursuant to the notification by his Excellency the Governor under Section 136 of the County Government Acts and Standing Order No. 3(2), the Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation of office provided for in the second schedule of the County Governments Act.

Standing Order 3(3) provides as follows: - The Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation of office to members of the County Assembly in Alphabetical Order using the following Order of precedence-

- (a) Members with the longest cumulative period of service in the County Assembly;
- (b) Members with the longest cumulative period of service in the County Assembly and any local authority existing to the prior to the final announcement of all the results of parliament of the Assembly as contemplated under Section 2 of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.
- (c) All other members.

Honourable members, it is important to observe that Order No.3 (4) provides as follows:-

“That pursuant to Article 74 of the Constitution, no person shall assume or perform any functions of the office of a member of a County Assembly before taking and subscribing to the Oath or Affirmation of office provided for under paragraph 1, further Standing Order No. 3 (5) reads as follows:- when the Clerk is administering the Oath or Affirmation of office to members and before the Clerk has administered the Oath of office or Affirmation of office to the Speaker, any questions - I think we stressed this one yesterday - arising in the County Assembly shall be determined by the Clerk, who shall during the period, exercise the powers of the Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 3(2) (c), I shall now proceed to administer the Oath or Affirmation of office to all members present in the Order of precedence that is set out under Standing Order No. 3(a), (b) and (c). In order to facilitate this process, the name of each member shall be called out, thereafter the member whose name shall be called out, shall proceed to the podium on my right and there upon shall have the option of taking the Oath or Affirmation of office as he or she may choose, because depending on his religious

persuasion. After taking the Oath of office, the member shall proceed to subscribe to the Oath or Affirmation of office, at the Table directly opposite me where the Clerks are seated.

Honourable Members, we are now ready to commence the process and I will ask that the Clerk-at-the-Table calls out the names starting from the first one.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the following Members of the County Assembly:-

Ali Ramadhan Werambo	Kiplombe Ward
Chomba Kiiru Peter	Huruma Ward
Mwangi Francis Muya	Langas Ward
Bundotrich Patrick Kiptoo	Tarakwa Ward
Kemboi Isaac Kirwa	Kapsoya Ward
Kiptanui Amos Kimeli	Racecourse Ward
Korir Hosea Kibet	Kapsaos Ward
Lodeya Lowoi Josphat	Karuna/ Meibeki Ward
Ngetich Jonathan Kiprop	Kapataget Ward
Rono Hillary Kipkemboi	Kipkenyo Ward
Singoei David Kiptoo	Nge'nyilel Ward
Tarus David Kiptoo	Kapkures Ward
Korir Joseph Kipruto	Ziwa Ward
Sang Julius Kibet	Megun Ward
Tallam Nicholas Kipkoech	Soy Ward
Barbengi Jeruto	Gender
Bett Gilbert Kiptoo	Kuinet/Kapsuswo Ward
Bittok Joan Cheserem	Nominated
Bor Gilbert Tenai	Cheptiret/Kipchamo Ward
Dr. Kiptanui Barmao Catherine	Nominated
Jeptoo Hellen	Nominated
Keitany David Kibiwot	Sergoit Ward
Kemboi Noah Kiplimo	Moiben Ward
Kemboi Kesumo Maria	Nominated
Kendagor Jepkoech Eileen	Nominated
Korir Edwin Kipchumba	Kapseret/Simat ward
Kosgei Salina	Nominated
Maiyo Zipporah Jepkoech	Nominated
Malel Sarah Jelagat	Kimumu Ward
Malot Leah Lemeli	Nominated
Meli Philip Tirop	Moi's Bridge Ward
Misoi Edwin Kipkoech	Nominated
Rono Alice Jebet	Nominated
Rugut Joel Cheruiyot	Kipsomba Ward
Sambai Leah Jepkemboi	Nominated
Samora Machel	Nominated
Sang Nancy	Nominated
Some Hosea Kipketer	Ainapkoi/Olare Ward
Songok Julius Kiptoo	Tulwet/Chuiyat Ward
Tirop Belinda	Nominated

Too Jenny Jebet	Nominated
Yego Edward Kiplimo	Segero/Barsombe Ward
Kigen Pius Kipkorir	Tembelio Ward
Letting Stephen Kiprotich	Ngeria Ward
Boroswa Mary Goretti	Nominated
Choge Samwel Kiptoo	Tapsagoi Ward
Lelei Nicholas Kiprop	Kamagut Ward

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, it has been confirmed that all Members present in the County Assembly have been sworn in. Please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your accession to office of the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu.

(Applause)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ELECTING THE SPEAKER

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, we will now move to our next item on the Order paper, and that is the election of the Speaker. Standing Order No. 4 (i) provides as follows; ‘a Speaker shall be elected when the County Assembly first meets after general election and before the County Assembly proceeds with the dispatch of any other business except administration of Oath’, which we have just done, or Affirmation of office to Members present.

Honourable Members, we have just undertaken the administration of Oath: Pursuant to Standing Orders, a number of activities were required to be done for the election of the Speaker before the first sitting. And I will proceed to detail each of these activities and the manner in which we have complied with the Standing Orders.

First, under Standing Order No. 5 (i); upon the Governor notifying the place and date of the first sitting of a new County Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order No.3, the Clerk, shall by Notice in the Kenya gazette notify that fact, and invite interested persons to submit their nomination papers for election to the office of the Speaker.

Honourable Members, vide gazette No.8406 of 30th August 2017, the Clerk invited persons to submit their nominations papers for the election to the office of the Speaker. And to accord interested Kenyans an ample time to put in their applications, we also did post an advert in the newspapers; in the Daily Nation Newspapers, of 30th August 2017.

Secondly, Honourable Members, under Standing Order No.5(4); provides that the Clerk shall maintain a register in which shall be shown the date and time when each candidate’s nomination papers were received, and shall ascertain that every such candidate for election to the office of the Speaker is qualified to be elected as such under Article 193 of the Constitution. I hereby confirm that the register has been maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Standing Order.

Thirdly Honourable Members, under Standing Order No.5(5); provides that immediately upon the close of the nomination period, provided for in paragraph two; the Clerk shall publicize and make available to all Members a list showing all qualified candidates, and (b) Make available to all Members copies of curriculum vitae for the qualified candidates. Honourable Members, I wish to confirm that that has also been done and I remember we revisited this matter yesterday when we were having the orientation session.

Honourable Members, for the position of the Speaker of the County Assembly, the following were validly nominated after the close of the nomination period: -

1. Kiplagat David
2. Lagat Anne Kiplimo
3. Terer Isaac Kipkemei
4. Kosgei Dennis Kirwa
5. Masai Jane Jeptoo
6. Kiptoo Mary Cherop
7. Rop Ruth Chemtai
8. Kiyeng Ezekiel Kipruto Kiptenai
9. Mitei Christopher

Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order No.8, a candidate may wish to withdraw his or her candidature after the close of the nomination period and before a ballot is started. In this regard, I wish to draw the attention of the Honourable Members that by the close of business yesterday the 4th of September 2017, at 6pm no candidate had expressed a desire to withdraw from participating in the election for the speaker. So, all the nine stand validly nominated to vie for the position of the Speaker.

Honourable Members, Standing Order No.6 (i), provide that election of the Speaker shall be done by the secret ballot. We shall now proceed to ballot for the election of the Speaker. But it is good to note that under Standing Order No.6 (ii), the Clerk shall, at the commencement of each ballot cause the ballot box, empty and unlocked, to be displayed to the County Assembly and shall, in the presence of the County Assembly Members lock the box which shall thereafter be kept in the full view of the County Assembly until the conclusion of the ballot.

Members, I now direct that the ballot box, empty and unlocked, to be displayed to the Assembly.

(The Serjeant-at-Arms displayed the ballot box, empty and opened)

(Applause)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Can we have it locked! Both sides!

(The Serjeant-at-Arms locked the Ballot box, both sides)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Thank you Honourable Members. Standing Order No.6 (iii) requires that the Clerk shall issue not more than one ballot paper to each Member who comes to the Table to obtain it and each Member who wishes to vote shall proceed to a booth; we have two booths: one to my right and the other one to my extreme left.

Honourable Members, the booths of course are located within the reasonable distance; that is one to my right and the other one to the left. You are required to mark the ballot paper by placing a mark in the space opposite the name of the candidate for who the Member wishes to vote. Fold the marked ballot paper before leaving the booth or area and place the folded ballot paper in the box.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Members, pursuant to this Standing Order, I now direct that a ballot paper be issued to each Member who comes to the Table to obtain it and to facilitate this process, the name of each Member shall be called out following which the Member shall come to the table on my front and obtain the ballot paper. Each Member shall then proceed to either of the booths but we would suggest that the Members who are on the left or my left hand side can proceed to the booth on the extreme left and those who are on the right hand side can go to---there is a booth just next to the wall. The Member will then place the marked ballot paper in the box.

If that is clear Honourable Members, we are now ready and we shall commence the voting process.

Members, Order! I think while the voting process is going on, no Member will be allowed to exit the main door until the voting process is over. Thank you.

(The ballot papers were issued to the Members of the County Assembly and they proceeded to vote)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, it has been confirmed that 47 ballot papers have been collected by Members.

(Applause)

Perhaps, Clerk, you can get the number of Members who are in the Chamber for the record!

(Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed that all members were present)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Thank you, Honourable Members. I think we have now confirmed that all the 47 Members are in the House and we want to start the counting and the tallying. One Member has requested to step out for a minute to see a visitor. So we will start the counting and the tallying.

Clerk!

(The Clerks-at-the-Table opened the Ballot box)

Clerk of the County Assembly (Mr. Chepkonga): Can we first of all count all the ballot papers in the box!

Order! Order, Clerk! Any Member who wish to witness? We can have two at the table? Yes! Honourable Singoei! Any other?

One more! We can have three Honourables, no problem.

Honourable Members, we will now start the counting and the tallying.

(The Clerks-at-the-Table proceeded to count the votes)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, Order! Order Honourable Members! I now wish to announce the result of the first round of voting:

NAME	VOTES
Kiplagat David	- 20
Lagat Anne Kiplimo	- 1
Terer Isaac Kipkemei	- 6
Kosgei David Kirwa	- 0
Masai Jane Jeptoo	- 6

Kiptoo Mary Cherop	-	2
Rop Chemtai	-	0
Kiyeng Ezekiel Kipruto Kiptenai	-	0
Mitei Christopher	-	12

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, Standing Order No.7 (i) provides that a person shall not be elected the Speaker unless the person is supported in a ballot by votes of two-thirds of all Members present. That is unless supported by votes of at least thirty-one Members. So, you realize from the results that we have just announced that none of the candidates has garnered the two-thirds required as at the Standing Orders. So it is apparent from these results that none of the candidates has made the threshold of thirty-one Members provided for Under Standing Order No.7. Standing Order No. 7 (ii) Honourable Members, provides as follows; that if no candidate is supported by two-thirds of all Members, the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes in the ballot referred to in paragraph one and the candidate or 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 received the highest number of votes in that further ballot shall be elected the Speaker.

Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order No. 7(ii), we will therefore proceed to fresh elections and in that fresh elections, the only candidates shall be as follows: Kiplagat David and Mitei Christopher. Unless there is a question, Honourable Members, we will proceed right away to the second ballot.

Clerk!

So, we will follow the same process as the first one; the Clerk on the table will call out the names, you will pick one ballot paper and proceed to the booth. Honourable Members, now what we will do, we will cross out all the other names. We will use the same ballots, of course a different colour. But we will cross out all the other seven candidates except for number one and number nine.

Are we clear? So we will have two candidates; you either put number one or number nine. So these others will have a mark, we will have crossed them using a pen.

Clerk, Proceed!

(Loud consultations)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Order Honourable Members! Can we have about three minutes break before we start the second ballot?

(Loud consultations)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): I have had requests from Members.

(Loud consultations)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Alright! Alright! Order! Order, Honourable Members! We will proceed.

Clerk! Call out the first names! The box is being locked.

(The Clerk on the table called out the first two names)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Sergeant-at-Arms!

(The Clerk on the table proceeded to call out the names as the Members proceeded to vote)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Order! We have confirmed that we have issued 47 ballot papers and I believe no Member has left the Chamber, so we are still 47.

Clerks, confirm!

(Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed that all members were present)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Thank you. Honourable Members, we will now proceed to open the ballot box and do the---get the number of ballot papers inside before we do the counting and the tallying. Thank you.

(The Clerks-at-the-Table opened the ballot box)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Members, two volunteers to come forward, Honourable Members! Yeah, *Mheshimiwa* Tallam, you can join them. Thank you.

(The Clerks-at-the-Table proceeded to count the ballot papers)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T. Chepkonga): Thank you.

Clerk! Proceed with the tallying and the counting!

(The Clerks-at-the-Table proceeded to count the votes)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T. Chepkonga): Honourable Members, in the second ballot, I wish to announce the following results:

NAME		VOTES
Kiplagat David	-	27
Mitei Christopher	-	20

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Honourable Members, Standing Order No.7 (ii) requires that in the second ballot, the person who receives the highest number of votes be declared to have been elected the Speaker of County Assembly. The result of the second election, Honourable Members, has shown that Kiplagat David who has scored 27 votes has been duly elected the Speaker of the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu.

(The Clerk accordingly declared David Kiplagat elected Speaker of Uasin Gishu County Assembly)

(Applause)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): I will kindly request the two Members who supported the candidature of Kiplagat David to fetch for him wherever he is and present him to the House.

(Hon. Muya and Hon. Tallam rose to their feet)

(The Clerk accordingly directed Honourable Muya and Hon. Tallam to search for the said Hon. David Kiplagat and bring him to the Chamber)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Order! Order *Mheshimiwa*! Can we present David Kiplagat first!

(On arrival of Hon. Kiplagat in the Chamber, he was escorted to the Chair by Hon. Muya and Hon. Tallam)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Your name is David Kiplagat? Confirm! *Mheshimiwa!*

MCA Muya: Mr. Clerk, we are grateful to present to you the Speaker-elect, Honourable Kiplagat David. Thank you.

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Thank you very much. You can take your seats, Honourables.

Now we will proceed to swear in the Speaker-elect and Honourable Members, thereafter we will have a minute for the Speaker to robe and then he comes back to the House.

(The Clerk thereupon administered the Oath of Allegiance to the Speaker-elect, Hon. David Kiplagat)

The Clerk to the County Assembly (Mr. R.T Chepkonga): Congratulations, Honourable Speaker! We will have a minute for the Speaker to be able to be robed then we will come back. Thank you

(The Clerk and the Speaker, Hon. Kiplagat left the Chamber)

(The Speaker, Hon. David Kiplagat, re-entered the Chambers and takes the Chair, and the Mace was placed upon the Table)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SUBMISSION OF THE SPEAKER TO THE WILL OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat): Good afternoon, Honourable members? I am going to make a small speech, I had not prepared one, but I have just prepared a short one then we shall proceed from there.

Honourable members, Good afternoon, I want to thank all of you for having granted me this opportunity to be the Speaker of Uasin Gishu County. I know it was a tough race, it was a good fight but I humbly thank you for having considered my candidature and to elect me as the Speaker of Uasin Gishu County, and I want to promise that I will not let you down. We shall be together as a team and we shall consider all the matters that are meant to promote the image and the prosperity of the people of Uasin Gishu County.

Thank you very much for that support.

(Applause)

Secondly, in this race we had our worthy competitors, all of whom were qualified as per the Constitution. I want to thank them for having put a good fight. In any race, there is always a loser and a winner, so I want to thank them and we shall support them in any other aspirations that they will be doing as they go on with their life, so thanks a lot.

(Applause)

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Honourable former Speaker, *Wakili Terer* for having steered the last Assembly, that is, the first Assembly of Uasin Gishu County as per the Constitution of Kenya 2010, I think he made great strides and for that we want to thank him and to wish him well for any engagements that he is going to do. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Thirdly, I want to pledge to support the people of Uasin Gishu County, by ensuring that the independence and the dignity of the House is observed at all times. I will also be a team player and I will also make sure that the unity of the House is observed at all times and any conflict that arises is sorted amicably without creating tension, without creating camps so that we can move this great Country of ours to great heights and also to achieve what all of us have told the people of Uasin Gishu County that we are going to do. So with that you have my support.

(Applause)

I will make sure that the core function of the Assembly which is to oversight the Executive is enhanced and supported at all times. I want to repeat that, it is enhanced and supported at all times so that we can do our core function which is to oversight. I also promise to transform the Assembly to World class status by upgrading the infrastructure and also the digitization of the Assembly to make sure that at least we are also among those world class Assemblies that are of state-of-the art.

I will also facilitate to make sure that the devolution aspect is really observed by making sure that the funds that come to the Uasin Gishu County are felt at our villages, so that we have the honourable members being in charge of at least sharable revenue from the Uasin Gishu County. At this juncture, honourable members, I want to state that our core functions are representation, legislation, oversight, and approving plans and policies of Uasin Gishu County. Those are our main core functions and in this core functions what we are going to do, honourable members, is to provide the necessary leadership that will transform the County of Uasin Gishu to perform its constitutional duty by ensuring the following; that members efficiently deliver on the mandate through work systems that are organized, facilitated and functional to enable the delivery of quality services to the people of Uasin Gishu County. I will also ensure that programmes and activities are guided by the need to respond to key priority areas as delivered by the people of Uasin Gishu County. We shall also prioritise and strengthen the partnership between the Assembly, the Executive and the Senate and I think at this juncture I want to thank our Senator Hon. Kamar for having found time to join us in this very important occasion of the first sitting of the Second Assembly. So we really thank her for having found time to join us. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Finally, we will ensure that the capacity of the members and the staff is enhanced so that they can constantly update their skills and expertise and acquire the required exposure to handle complex legislative matters and other public affairs. So in this, we shall make sure that you attend a lot of trainings, a lot of symposiums and a lot of capacity building to ensure that the core function of legislations, representation and oversight is achieved.

(Applause)

Under my stewardship, we shall respect and uphold the rule of law and the culture of constitutionalism that is to protect and defend our Constitution and always safeguard the role of the County Assembly. Therefore I call upon honourable members to support and cooperate, and welcome all of you to join us in ensuring that our core functions and the protection of our Constitution, the protection of our laws is observed at all times for the prosperity of this great County.

Lastly, we shall ensure we always uphold fairness; fairness is very important. We always uphold fairness, we always uphold equity. The door of the Speaker will be open to all, there will be no kitchen cabinet and we shall treat all the members fairly and equally.

(Applause)

I want at this juncture, honourable members, to raise something that we all know. When we were doing campaigns, we found out that there were three camps. There were the old re-elected, and then there were the new elected, and then there were the Nominated. Those were the three camps but from now onwards all of us are honourable members. let us break that camp, we make sure that our core objective is to serve the people of Uasin Gishu County.

(Applause)

Let us leave those camps, let us treat every member equally because as elected you represent your people, as Nominated you represent also a constituency and what I always say, you are not a flower girl. You represent a constituency and all of us should be treated equally and under my stewardship, and I will make sure that that is achieved. So you can be rest assured you are in a safe pair of hands. As I finish I want to congratulate the staff and the members, and the Executive for having worked in tandem to make sure that this great day becomes a great success.

(Applause)

I want to thank the Executive, the Assembly and all the members; all of us cooperated. We have seen the other assemblies like the Migori one, where you have goons disrupting the business of the House. So I think the staff of the County Assembly you deserve a credit.

(Applause)

As I finish, I have been informed that - which is very nice - with the Assembly, the Clerk and its staff have organized for an induction session for about two weeks. The details you will be informed.

(Applause)

This is so that you go and bond, you break those camps. Each one will know each other and when we come back, at least if we don't achieve anything else, we shall achieve the confidence that every member knows each other member. I think that is important.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat): So as I finish at this juncture, we are going to adjourn the House indefinitely for purposely that bonding session. The details will be provided by the Clerk and also the office of the Speaker so that after that we shall come and convene officially the business of the House which will be addressed by his Excellency the Governor, so that we can move forward and we can also proceed to fill the other seats because it will not be fair that we continue with the business of the House, when we don't know each other and when we know very well there existed camps when we were doing our campaigns.

(Applause)

So, it is important that we break that camp, we go for a retreat, we go for the induction, and all of us know what we are supposed to do. Even me, I have been given a Bible with Standing Orders, which I have to go and pass through it. So we need time. So, Members, thank you

very much. I wish you well in your capacity to serve the people of Uasin Gishu as the member of the County Assembly in your respective wards and also those nominated in your respective constituency in which you are nominated against. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Don't worry I am still learning the ropes, but I am a quick learner. So we can adjourn the House.

The House rose at 1:09 PM