

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Date: 21st June 2021

PRESS RELEASE

Following the resolution of the County Assembly of Vihiga approving the report of the Select Committee to have four of my CEC Members dismissed on the grounds stated therein and pursuant to Section 31 (b) as read with Section 40 (a), (b), (c) & (d) (5b) 6(a), (b) of the County Government Act as amended by the County Government Act, 2020; I have complied and immediately effected the dismissals.

As a consequence of the above action, it has become necessary that I reorganize my government to ensure continuous delivery of service within the departments and in the entire County Government.

I have therefore with immediate effect made the following changes:



1. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	CURRENT DOCKET	NEW DOCKET
1.	Mr. Henry Mang'ong'o Lumbasio	Education, Early Childhood Development and TVET	Retains current docket and also Ag. CECM Physical Planning Lands and Housing
2.	Mr. Geoffrey Vukaya Lugalia	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives	CECM Trade, Industry, Tourism and Entrepreneurship
3.	Prof. Justus Inonda	Transport and	Retains current docket and

	Mwanje	Infrastructure	also Ag. CECM Health
4.	Ms. Felistas Okumu Barasa	Youth, Gender, Culture, Sports and Social Services	Retains current docket
5.	CPA Alfred Indeche	Finance and Economic planning	Retains current docket and also Ag. CECM Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Cooperatives
6.	Ms. Mary Nelima Amalemba	Environment, Energy and Natural Resources	Retains current docket and also Ag. CECM Public Service Administration and Coordination of County Affairs

2. CHIEF OFFICERS

NO.	NAME	Current Department	New Department
1.	Mrs. Lucy Ijai Bureza Simiyu	Physical, planning Lands and Housing	Public Service Administration and Coordination of County Affairs
2.	Phillip A. Gavuna	Gender, Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services	Retains current docket and also Ag. Chief Officer ICT & Governance
3.	Chrysostom M. Agava	Cooperatives	Retains current docket
4.	Mary Susan Anyendah	Ag. Early Childhood Development and Education and Health	Health
5.	Wycliffe Manyulu Clement	Water and Sanitation	Physical Planning, Lands and Housing
6.	Dr. Arnold Kimiya Mamadi	Medical Services	Water and Sanitation
7.	Eng. Roger C. E Tunya	Transport and Infrastructure	Retains current docket
8.	Livingstone Luvatse Imbayi	Finance and Economic Planning	Retains current docket
9.	Gilbert Vidija Musalia Edebe	Trade, Industry Tourism and Entrepreneurship	Retains current docket
10.	Kamadi Dominic Luvavo	Public Service Administration and Coordination of County Affairs	Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries
11.	Pamela Kusa Busungu	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	Early Childhood Development and Education
12.	Abisai Imbwana Amatalo	TVET and Ag. ICT	TVET
13.	Dr. Richard Kipkemboi Boiyo	Environment, Energy and Natural Resources	Retains current docket

Apart from the above changes, we shall in collaboration with the County Public Service Board finalize and implement the County Human Resource Audit exercise that has taken a long time to complete. We shall further commence, starting the end of this month, the payment of salaries to our healthcare workers who have not been paid for the last two years.

In addition, we shall effect promotions that have been recommended by the County Human Resource Advisory Committee from the new financial year.

Despite the challenges we have and continue to face, I wish to assure our entire staff that we shall in due course overcome the same and move our county to greater heights. Therefore let us not despair but continue soldiering on in a smart manner.

Last and not least, the Covid-19 pandemic is real and is now having devastating impact on our people. For the last one month we have recorded increasing infections and death in our County. Our isolation beds are now nearing full with Covid-19 patients. If the current trend continues, it is not going to be long before we run out of beds and capacity to take care of patients.

It is because of this reason that the National Government has prescribed stringent measures for our Lake Victoria Region Counties to slow down the spread of this deadly disease. I call upon my people of Vihiga to strictly observe these protocols without fail, particularly avoiding crowding and keeping safe distancing.

God bless both our County and Country.

Thank you.

H.E DR. WILBER K. OTTICHILO
GOVERNOR, VIHIGA COUNTY