REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.23 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DELAY OF PLENARY SITTING

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to let you know and apologize that we have started late. We have had power surges since last night which has affected our ability to do printing. As you can see, I have just received the order paper. Members, kindly take through with the hardcopies that you have because we still have a bit of problems.

Secondly, should we continue having this, our generator is being currently reserviced so that we can be able to have steady power. Should there be a problem, I will request that all of us be able to persevere because the problem of on and off power surges is not in our making but we are going to go through it. Thank you so much.

PAPERS LAID

VETTING OF LCDA CHAIRPERSON, FR. PAUL MWANGI WAMBUGU.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. I beg to lay the Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the vetting of LCDA Chair, Fr. Paul Mwangi Wambugu.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Papers on the Table)

1ST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REPORT NO. 1 FOR F/Y 2025/2026

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers; Laikipia County Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee F/Y 2025/2026 report of 1st Supplementary Budget No.1 Report.

Thank you.

(Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki laid the papers on the Table)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. We now proceed to the next order.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1ST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REPORT NO. 1 FOR F/Y 2025/2026

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Budget and

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Appropriations on the First Report on the supplementary budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, dated 2nd December, 2025.

VETTING OF LCDA CHAIRPERSON, FR. PAUL MWANGI WAMBUGU.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Finance and County Planning Committee in its Report dated 1st December, 2025 on the approval hearing of Nominee for Appointment to the position of Chairperson Laikipia County Development Authority, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(1)a of the Laikipia County Development Authority Act, 2014, Section 35(2) and sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, this House approves the nomination of Fr. Paul Mwangi Wambugu for appointment by H.E. the Governor as the Chairperson Laikipia County Development Authority.

Thank you.

MOTIONS

1ST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REPORT NO. 1 FOR F/Y 2025/2026

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the First Report on the supplementary budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, dated 2nd December, 2025.

Hon. Speaker, in line with the provisions of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders No. 186 (3) and 215, I hereby present the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the 1st Supplementary Estimate for the Financial Year 2025/2026. This Supplementary estimate was received in the House on 12th November 2025 through the Office of the Clerk. Accordingly, the said County Budget Estimate was tabled in the House Pursuant to Standing Order No. 207(3) and the Speaker committed the Supplementary estimate to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations the same day.

The main reasons for the FY 2054-2026 supplementary budget estimate is the need to budget for opening bank balances in both qualifying special purpose accounts and the County Revenue Fund, additional resource (shareable revenues), Grants and realigning resources with emerging need while ensuring that the targeted policy objectives for financial year 2025-26 are achieved. The committee held consultative meetings with the county treasury and Sectoral committee chairs to highlight significant financial recommendations on the budgets on the various county departments.

Once approved by this house, the amendments will form the basis for the passage of the appropriations bill for the FY 2025/2026. During the consultation meeting, the committee noted the following which, will informs the recommendations by the committee.

1. The County Government shareable revenue has increased to Kshs 6,104,082,008.
2. There are opening balances from County Revenue Fund (CRF), CRF Returns, Equitable share brought forward and Emergency Fund of Kshs. 611,637,307

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3. Own Source Revenues (OSR) has been maintained at Kshs. 1,351,000,000, which comprises of Local Revenue, Vocational Training Centres and Appropriation in Aid (AIA). bills.
4. The Conditional grants have increased to Kshs. 1,852,060,273. The increases are the opening balances of Kshs. 335,027,610, grants not recorded in FY 2024/2025 of Kshs. 254,844,873 and Annual grants of Kshs. 1,262,187,790.
5. All these variances have increased the Budget by Kshs 701,642,262.
6. The Conditional Grants balances increased by Kshs. 631,316,135 affected the departments of Administration (KDSP 2), Agriculture (Food Systems, KFSRP), Health (DANIDA), infrastructure (Fuel levy, Road maintenance levy, Nanyuki and Rumuruti Municipalities (Urban Development), Trade (CAIP) and Water (FLOCCA) with Kshs 522,719,616 going to development while Kshs 108,570,422 for recurrent.
7. The County Executive budgeted for ongoing projects of Kshs. 571,001,073 in the various departments as follows;
    i. County Administration Kshs. 4,895,424
    ii. Finance and Planning Kshs. 8,213,440
    iii. Health and Sanitation Kshs. 258,521,396.00
    iv. Agriculture and Livestock Kshs. 15,907,280.00
    v. Infrastructure Kshs. 152,455,505.00
    vi. Education Kshs. 27,761,446.00
    vii. Gender Kshs. 1,997,219.00
    viii. Trade and Tourism Kshs. 86,154,275.00
    ix. Water and Environment Kshs. 12,650,000.00
    x. Municipalities - Rumuruti Kshs. 2,445,088.00
8. The total County Budget has increased to Kshs. 9,918,779,588.
9. There are a number of changes to the projects to be implemented in wards by various departments and is as attached as annex.

Committee recommendations

Administration, Public Service and Office of the governor

- Reallocate Kshs. 28,000,000 from office of the deputy Governor to the office of the Governor.
- Reduce KICOSCA by Kshs. 10M
- Reduce Citizen Annual Engagement Forum by Kshs. 3.5M

Finance and Economic Planning

- Reduce Revenue operations and maintenance by Kshs. 20M
- Reduce Legal fees by Kshs. 45M.

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The County Revenue Board should ensure that this target is met to meet the development needs that have been budgeted for, otherwise this will strain the already ballooning budget pending.

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- Increase of Kshs 13.5M for general administration (recurrent).

Land Infrastructure and Public Works

- Increase in its development budget of Kshs 10M for Equipment maintenance (Major mechanical maintenance)

Education and Library Services

- Reduce Kshs. 10M in its development budget being VTIS Equipping.

Gender Services

- There are no changes in the department

Trade, Cooperatives and Enterprises Development

- Reduce Kshs. 5M. for recurrent general administration

Water, Sanitation and Environment

- Reduce Kshs. 40M for common intake – Laikipia North

Rumuruti Municipality

- Reduce Kshs 9.12M being Kshs. 5M recurrent under collection and disposal of solid waste and Kshs. 4.12M in the Development Budget for road maintenance and infrastructure services

Nanyuki Municipality

- Reduce Kshs. 17M being Kshs. 8.5M recurrent under collection and disposal of solid waste and Kshs.8.5M in the Development Budget for road maintenance and infrastructure services

Speaker: Hon. Members, allow Hon. Mwaniki to move the motion. You will have a chance to contribute to the same. Silence Hon. Members. Proceed Hon. Mwaniki.

Nyahururu Municipality

- Reduce Kshs. 15M in both recurrent 6.5M for collection and disposal of solid waste and 8.5M for Development Budget for road maintenance and infrastructure services

County Assembly

- Increase Kshs. 8M in the Development Budget

Acknowledgement

The Budget and Appropriations committee is grateful to the Sectoral committees for their continuous oversight efforts over the county departments in the execution of the budget estimates. Their valuable efforts continue to ensure the residents of this expansive county enjoy the services of the government as well as value for their money.

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Lastly, the committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker of the County Assembly, office of the clerk and the various committees for their unwavering support to the committee members during the period of report preparation.

On behalf of the Members of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 206 (4) & (5) and 207 (6), it is now my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this Honourable Assembly the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Laikipia County Budget Estimates Supplementary Report for the FY 2025/2026 and recommend it to this house for adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I would like to call upon Hon. Stephen to second this.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: *Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Bajeti ya Ziada ambayo iko hapa. Bwana Spika, nikiunga mkono ninapata nafasi na sijui Mwenyekiti ametoka kwa nini lakini nafikiri ameenda kutafuta ufafanuzi. Bwana Spika, kuna shida kidogo katika ripoti. Kuna hitilafu ya kuandika kwa mapendekezo ya kamati ambapo ripoti inasema Waheshimiwa walikubaliana na reallocate Kshs. 28,000,000 from office of the deputy Governor to the office of the Governor. Bwana Spika, nafikiri hapo kuna hitilafu ya kuandika.*

I have called the clerk and the clerk has confirmed to me that this is a typing error. In the Appropriation Act which is in the Kenya Gazettement, it is reduced. Hon. Speaker, I want to clarify on that to the Members. *Bwana Spika, tukingoja Mwenyekiti aweze kufika, ninafikiri yale ambayo ameweza kumbuka ni hayo. Kuna zile pesa ambazo zilibaki kutoka Milioni 463. Bwana Spika, tulipo gawa kwa mradi wa flagship, pesa iliyobaki tulikubaliana iende kwa miradi ambayo inaendelea.*

Bwana Spika, nimeweza kuongea na marafiki wangu hapa na wengine wameweza kuwa na maswali. Nimeagiza Mheshimiwa Gatati aweze kuongea na Afisa wa Bajeti ili aweze kuelezewa mahali pesa zinawekwa kwa sababu haziwekwi kwa ripoti. Tulisikizana makato yote yaende kwa miradi ambayo inaendelea na hiyo ndiyo inafanyika. Kuna kiambatisho ambacho hutengeneza ugawaji na ambayo inakamata mambo yote na kuweka mahali pamoja.

Ninaomba Waheshimiwa wasiwe na wasiwasi kwa sababu kila kitu kiko sawa isipokuwa ni hitilafu ya kuandika na ningetaka iende kwenye HANSARD. It is to remove Kshs.28 million from the office of the Deputy Governor to the Office of the Governor. Hon. Speaker, that is what we agreed on. I am still waiting for the Hon. Chair to come and make clarity on that issue.

Hon. Speaker, on the issue of the Supplementary Budget, I think this is the Supplementary which we have considered all the views of the Members. Every view has been captured in this report. We held a Budget Committee Meeting and we agreed. Hon. Speaker, we also called the Whole House for a meeting and agreed on this report.

Hon. Speaker, the report that we are tabling on the floor of this House, we agreed and every Member agrees on this report unless others Members may have opinions. Hon. Speaker, we listened to everybody and then the majority made the decision. That is what we have done and that is what the Members agreed.

Hon. Speaker, when we are passing the main report, I gave notice to the Members that any additional money from the National Government and from equitable share, the whole amount will go to the ongoing projects. Hon. Speaker, that is what we have done as a committee. I am urging the Hon. Members of this House to pass this Supplementary Budget so that we can have the projects which are going on in our wards to continue.

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Hon. Speaker, from now, the budget is ongoing and we are expecting the Executive to utilise the money as per this report where there is a reduction and an addition. I think Hon. Members will agree on this. Hon. Speaker, as I second, by your leave and through the consultation of the Chair Budget Committee, we borrow 3 minutes so that we can amend what is on that report so that we make sure that the typing error is rectified.

We are requesting you to give us ten minutes to make sure that that report is well written.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I want to thank Hon. Mwaniki for moving the motion which was seconded by Hon. Stephen. I will propose the motion then give you a leave of thirty minutes and then you come back with the amendments you may require.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, we are requesting before you propose and before I finish seconding, you give us ten minutes so that when we come back, I continue with seconding the motion and then you propose.

Speaker: May you be seated.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you.

Speaker: With the request of the Honourable Member seconding the motion, Hon. Members this House now stand suspended for twenty minutes. You are expected back here at 11.10 a.m.

(The House was suspended for 20 minutes)

(The House resumed after 20 minutes)

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, you should finalize.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for your wise decision. You have acted like Solomon for giving us this opportunity for deliberating on issues where the Members had concerns. As I said earlier, we have now amended the typing error which occurred during the preparation of report. The report is reading very well that we are relocating Kshs.28 million.

This one should go to HANSARD and also to the media that we are reducing Kshs.28 million from the Office of the Deputy Governor to the Office of the Governor. We have removed this money because while they were campaigning, they were together like husband and wife and we cannot separate them. I second, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to open the floor to the Members who would want to debate on this.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii fursa. Kwanza, nashukuru Kamati ya Bajeti ikiongozwa na Mwenyekiti, Nicholas Mwaniki. Nashukuru pia Wabunge wote kwa kuleta ripoti ambayo tulisikizana pamoja. Kwa hivyo, naunga mia kwa mia hii ripoti na kama ingewezekana, naomba ya kwamba ipite leo ndio tumpe Gavana nafasi ya kutekeleza yale ambayo tumeahidi wananchi wetu.

La pili, nashukuru Kamati ya Bajeti kwa kusikiza wananchi. Ninaona ya kwamba mnaiga mfano wa upinzani wa Rigathi Gachagua kwa kusikiliza wananchi ambao wamewachagua kwa hizo viti. Kwa hivyo, naomba Wabunge wenzangu waunge huu mswada ili tuweze kuupitisha sasa hivi. Asante.

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Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kushukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kwa vile amefanya tukutane hapa. La pili, nashukuru mwenyekiti wa Bajeti na Kamati yake ambapo mimi ni mmoja wao. Kazi yetu sisi ni kusikiza mashinani vile wananchi wanataka. Tulitumwa hapa na *wanjiku* ili tuweze kusikiza mashinani. Tushikane sisi wote ili tufanye kazi kama timu moja.

Mimi kama Mheshimiwa kutoka Igwamiti siwezi zuia Bunge iendelee na kazi yake kwa sababu najipenda. Haitawezekana katika hili Bunge. Kama imetosha, imetosha. Kuna madeni mengi ambayo imesalia ambapo watu walifanya kazi na bado hawajalipwa. Wengine ni wanakandarasi na wanalia. Leo kama ungesikiliza redio asubuhi, ilikuwa inongea kuhusu madeni ya wanakandarasi. Mnaona vile barabara zinaharibika kwa sababu ya mvua na hatungeuliza Mungu ni kwa nini mvua inanyesha. Kazi yetu ni kuja hapa na kusikiza vile *wanjiku* anasema.

Ukienda Githiga, unakuta barabara zimenyooshwa lakini yule mwana kandarasi hajaliwi hadi sasa . Kamati ya Bajeti imekaa chini na kuangalia ni nini kinaendelea. Ni lazima sisi tungekaa chini ili tujue pesa itatoka wapi ya kulipa zile madeni. Leo nimesimama hapa kuunga mkono Kamati ya Bajeti ikiongozwa na Nicholas Mwaniki. Kusimama kidete na kusema kama inawezekana hata kama ni saa nane tuweze kumaliza haya maneno na kazi iendelee.

Sisi huko tunatandikwa na *wanjiku* na yeye hajui ni lipi linaendelea. Kama wewe ndiwe unajua ni nini kinaendelea na unasema ya kwamba tunakuvuta nyuma, sio sisi tunakuvuta nyuma. Sasa imebaki na mwaka mmoja na nusu ili tutokee tena kwa uwanja. Utasema ulifanya nini. Kwa hivyo, naunga mkono Kamati ya Bajeti na Wabunge wenzangu. Mujue ya kwamba hata kama tunatafuta pesa haitapelekwa kwa nyumba bali itapelekwa kwa wananchi wa Laikipia. Naunga mia kwa mia, asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity given to me. I wish to thank the Budget Committee for coming up with this Supplementary Budget to benefit the people of Laikipia. I also wish to thank the Chair of the Budget Committee because sometimes it is good to stand firm.

Two, you are entitled to listen to everyone but at the end of the day, you carry the opinion of the majority. You can listen to 1000 individuals but at the end, always remember to carry the opinion of the majority and that is what is called leadership.

Hon. Speaker, I am really grateful to see that our Supplementary Budget is aiming to settle a pending bill that has been a thorn in this county. Settling it means a lot to the people of Laikipia and also to us as Hon. Members because it becomes so embarrassing when you launch a project which was done by someone who has not been paid and yet you are enjoying the privilege which comes with the project.

It becomes so embarrassing when you go to open a hospital and your people get to be served from that hospital yet the person who constructed it has not gotten a single coin. It is so embarassing to the county and any other leadership. Even if we don't do anything else and we clear the pending bills, the better for us. So, I really want to applaud the Budget Committee for coming up with the agenda of clearing the pending bills.

Three, something else that has made me happy is to see that the Infrastructure has received Kshs.10M for equipment maintenance. Today as we are talking, some of us are still waiting for the leased machines to come to our wards. I am still waiting for them to come yet they are down there and have broken down. Currently, I think that they are in Tigithi where the

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chairman comes from. We are all waiting for him to finish yet some of them are not functional. So the Kshs.10M means a lot to some of us and the people of Laikipia.

Hon. Speaker, something else in this supplementary budget that has made me happy is that at least we have amended that statement. It meant a lot. We have always stood firm saying that the Office of the Governor is one. We have a Governor, the Deputy Governor and the cabinet as one office. So, I was a bit concerned to hear that now we have another. If we went that route, in the near future we will hear that we need another budget for the cabinet.

So, I was a bit worried and concerned but at least for now, I am settled and happy. Hon. Stephen has said that it should be considered as a family. As a House, we will be remembered to unite a family that was almost breaking down. Now the family is united as father, mother and children and under the same umbrella of the father who is supposed to make sure that we get everything we need as his people. So, the supplementary is good for us.

As a one of the Hon. Members has said, we need to finish these things as soon as possible before we go for recess. Latest tomorrow for them to work on it so that in the month of January we start implementing using this budget and that will be for the best to the people of Laikipia. I believe that the Members if this House will support this report for us to move to the next level. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report by the Budget Committee. Sometimes we have to swallow the bitter pill. On my part, I have been affected together with the MCA for Igwamiti. When the committee decides that we can't allocate new projects, on health a deduction has been done and I am not alone but together. The few projects that were to be done have been removed. The one in Manguo and the other in my area, Kwa Wanjiku.

Mr. Speaker, my concern is, we have the MCA for Mukogodo West who has an issue with Kshs.40M that was removed from the budget that would have catered for the two areas. I have to let it out of my heart. I would wish the Hon. Chair for water would give us a very good report because during the previous regime, I was the Chairman for water and we allocated over Kshs.120M for the same to ensure that people in Laikipia North get enough water.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would wish if this would have been an increase to ensure that water reticulation in the area is done in the right way. When we come back we are going to need a report as per the Kshs.120M that we allocated for the same to ensure that the people of North get enough and adequate water, how much has been utilized and the extent it has been used and the people who have benefited. I represent Marmanet ward but I would wish that even people from North get enough water to ensure that we have got equality. I would not wish for us to just pass a budget without following up what has been done on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, I am not in the UDA Party but I don't know the engagement between the Deputy Governor and the Governor because I have heard the Hon. Whip claiming that they married and only death will part them. I cannot talk a lot about them because they are in the same party and whenever they decide and bring it in the Assembly, I have to pass it because he is the majority whip and both the Governor and the Deputy are in that party.

I am independent and in case there is anything they would wish to inform us pertaining their party, I just follow what they have agreed on. As the other Members have stated, rather than initiating new projects, let us first of all capitalize on clearing the pending bills. I am sure that the outcry is a bit high but in future, even the new projects are a requirement in our areas.

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I can attest in the centre of Kwa Wanjiku, people are really suffering travelling all the way to Maili Saba and others to Oljabet. Having a dispensary would be of great importance to my people. So, when making the next budget, I have to ensure that that dispensary is within that budget but on this one I cannot oppose what the committee has decided. I support the committee's report.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise in the support of the same. At one point, I was wondering whether Hon. Simon Kanyutu was contributing or reading a tribute because he was complaining that he and the one, Hon. Wachuka; their projects have been removed. Sometimes being in leadership is very difficult and I understand their pain and the pain from Nicholas Lempaira from Mukogodo East but we are one House as Laikipia and we fit everywhere.

At the same time, I don't know between me and Hon. Stephen Kamau where we fit because we are somewhere they call quagmire. On the same, we had to make very painful decisions that would even determine our future whether we will be here or not, only God knows but it was very painful.

I don't know whether the members are aware of it. It is good sometimes to sit down and analyse, as Hon. Shuel will usually say, and go through this budget what it meant. What it meant is that we are at a deficit. We owe our people a lot of money, and we are in between doing the new projects or paying.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, why should we do new projects while we owe people money? That is what Chinua Achebe would say, *'you have to borrow from one end to another person,'* Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, and you do zero work.

Mr. Speaker, there's some clarification that needs to be done. The municipality that we have, that is one from Rumuruti, Nyahururu municipality, which the Hon. Member fought for it because we are left at the crossroad. When you go to municipality, they are complaining they don't have money, Mr. Speaker, but the same money we are allocating here, is left to the department. When you are advocating for more money, the budget, which is very clear, they say that you are duplicating the duties.

I want to bring a motion here, Mr. Speaker, we must have a clear way, because you can't have a municipality which is not working because the executive have not released the duties to the municipality. Tell me why right now in Nanyuki, 90% is in pure darkness, but the same money, it is in the physical and planning. The municipality, they don't have money.

When you are allocating the same money, everyone is advocating to remain the same. So, we are at the middle. Should we follow the municipality or should we follow the executive, Mr. Speaker? If it is not working, I wouldn't be ashamed to say, let it be collapsed if it is not working for our people and if we don't have money, because that is what everybody is complaining about.

I can tell you in the next three months, Mr. Speaker, we would have fuel for collecting solid waste. If we call the board here and the chairman for the municipality and the manager, they are going to complain of the same. I ask this House, we call for order, and we say whether we need a municipality or we don't need a municipality, because it is not working. We cannot be giving the same money to two people and not doing the same. We better work with one person who we are going to oversight. All done in the same, Mr. Speaker, I wish that when we go to the ground, as much as we are doing politics, we let our people understand what is going on. We must understand the hardship that we are going through.

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Personally, in Nanyuki Ward Mr. Speaker, we cannot say that we have lost. Yes, it is painful, but it has gone through the right channels. We cannot afford to cripple our economy in the same that we want new projects that are not complete, that are not being seen, Mr. Speaker, and also the same as I sit down. I want to support and say, the decision that the House made, I included, to take the Kshs.28 million back to the Governor. We cannot have a deputy governor who is against this regime. We are paying him. He is using our fuel and instead of supporting us, he is the first person to fight. If you attack the Governor, you attack the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, we are not going to lay a snake to bite us, and let me be quoted. If he is not comfortable with this government, let him resign and go do the politics. It is a shame that we are going to give him money, and at the same time, he is using the same money to campaign against us. It is the right time. We must stand. If I'm not comfortable with the Nanyuki ward, I just resign. That's the best. I cannot continue to earn from Nanyuki people, and I'm against them. Where has he been for the last three years? Why is he against each and every project that is being initiated here? Is he not the second in command, Mr. Speaker? Where are we headed as a county, and yet we continue feeding him?

I urge this House that is the right way, and let me be quoted. Me and you usually have our differences, Mr. Speaker, but once we are out of that gate, I must support you wholeheartedly. But if we fight, we fight inside here, and we come out as a House, as united. But anyone who is fighting the governor beyond those corridors, he is a hypocrite, and he is not fit to be the Deputy Governor fighting this government. He cannot fight for the projects that you are doing. We know, he has interest in health. He cannot advocate for anything that is in health if it does not benefit him directly, Mr. Speaker.

But because he does not keep cows, he is fighting milk. That is hypocrisy. He cannot fight for Kshs.40 million for the people of Mukogodo East or West or for other people, because he does not benefit from that, Mr. Speaker. He cannot fight for the municipality, because he does not have any interest here. We know he is not fighting for the people. He is fighting for his own stomach because he is not in the right end for eating.

So, we say we are not apologetic, and even the next budget, God willing, we are going to do even better. We cannot entertain people who are not for us. We must fight for our people as united people, as one. If anything, we go down together, and we pray for better, and we believe we are working together for our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I support. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this report. And because a lot has been talked about, I just want to insist through you, that what we need, we have seen a lot of laxity in the implementation of the last year's budget. I am happy that this House indeed amended, and we did allow to summon or to invite the Executive. I think as the co-mandate of this House, business matters on implementation. Mr. Speaker, we should be strict.

Mr. Speaker, a lot has been said, and I know we cannot all be touched to satisfaction by these budgets. In the previous years Olmoran has been behind in so many things. when we sat as a team, we have always said now we have to standardise. It is not the right time now to start fighting. I've heard complaints from Hon. Members, that this project has been removed. We must agree that during the budget-making process, there are things that are amendable, others are not.

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We must absorb what we agree in this House, because at the end of the day, each one of us would want to be re-elected. Even our Hon. Members who are nominated. Sometimes they would want also to be nominated again because of what they did in the House, or even be elected when the will of God comes. There are two departments, when I talk of oversight, the Trade and Water Department.

Mr. Speaker, these departments, and I would want this to go to HANSARD, there is a lot of laxity in those two departments. If I was asked, I would actually have scrapped everything. It is only that we don't have another way of implementing. It must be through their departments. I know when we come back from recess, we are going to deal with those people who are reluctant, those that are not maintaining their departments. If I would ask, I know about three quarters of these House projects, in terms of those departments I have quoted here, Mr. Speaker, some of them or so many of them have not been even started.

Mr. Speaker, I'm happy that in the previous times we have had our contractors dying, our contractors, going into depression because of the money retained by the departments. Actually, it would be bad if we would continue building. Yes, *Wanjiku* might be a little bit happy, but the same *Wanjiku* is the same contractor. He is a cousin, he is a son, he is a brother, and he is a *shushu* or grandparent. I think the harmonisation of this report is very clear, is very good and I know if it is implemented to the letter, we are going to be the best county in terms of implementation of budgets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to apologise a bit for coming late today. I know you have gone through a lot of processes on this. I also want to be clear. I'm privileged to be in this Committee of Budget. Sometime, members say, Shuel is always correcting people or makes people not to fight. You know, as a House, we should remain united forever, because after this, nobody knows where we will meet.

I'm a witness, Mr. Speaker, when I went for a rest of five years, you know, sometime we met with other members outside in the public. Mr. Speaker, as a House, we are here to support each other. We are here to make sure all of us, the people that we represent are happy. That is the bottom line. That is the objective of all of us to be here. As leaders, you know, sometime things get you in a bad situation. As a leader, you must get a way out. You must have an option as a leader.

Mr. Speaker, there is this issue of water. The way members have said, that project have cost a lot of money. That is the truth. I just want to give members so that we move out of this House being united. That's my objective, Mr. Speaker. The other day we had cases in court because of Rumuruti. They were not happy. That's not the way to go. This House can make a very good decision and can make even a good resolution, as a House. But sometime, when we throw hands at each other, we find ourselves in a very bad situation.

I want to give proposals that work. But if people or members decide otherwise, we can move on because life must go on. On this issue of water, Mr. Speaker, because that water, that pipe passes in my area. Lempaira wants to extend the pipes to his area, which is very important because that area is very dry. I want the Members here to come up with a serious report on this water. I want us to get three reports. Mr. Speaker, I am a technical person in the Department of Water. I have used the pipe water for the last 15 years, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want us to come with a report on the area of intake, and get a BQ to know how much that intake can cost us. We want also to identify the weakness or the area or loopholes that are in that project, Mr. Speaker. We again want to get the storage and the budget for that.

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We have a lot of money in the FLOCCA and all that area. But what I just want to urge Members, because I don't want to go details. Let's make sure that after this or before probably next year, we have a very concrete report, to make sure the other people who have not benefited will benefit. That is my bottom line. So that we don't just show as if we are making other people to suffer. Let's make sure that what we probably have is not enough for us today, but let's make sure tomorrow all of us will benefit on the areas that are not clear.

Mr. Speaker, I want the key people from the Water Department to come up and go around to see that water, and come up with a report, a technical report, so that in the FLOCCA money, we influence even the third supplementary to make sure we have put enough money to extend that water. Without details, we can also mislead ourselves or put a project for that money that is not probably enough or can be more than enough. Mr. Speaker, we are the affected people with Lempaira, but I don't want Members to leave here when we see as if we are not one House.

I know Lempaira always wants me to probably come and fight, but I want to get a way out, because at the end of the day, we want to benefit. We don't want to be losers. I know most of you, we have also contributed a lot for you to benefit. So, I don't see why you are not contributing for us to benefit again. I know all of us will be together. All of us, let's work together to make sure what is in this budget, probably we can see tomorrow in that same budget and with a very good report.

Mr. Speaker that is my take. That we don't move out this House when we are divided. Lempaira is a very vocal person in this House. Shuel is very vocal in this House and even in the contribution of the entire County of Laikipia. Mr. Speaker, let's move when we are together. Let us move when we have an option of how to survive and how to make people to benefit. That is my take, because even if we disagree and the majority win, that will go. So, I don't want us to go that direction that we have defeated. We want to come out on the way that we can make sure all of us benefit in one way or the other.

Mr. Speaker, and I'm also happy, we have mentioned some areas that we are not happy, including the Deputy Governor office. We cannot entertain somebody who went around in the public and in the radios and talk against the government. Again, you want us to give you the 100% benefit of this government. If you are not in the government, then you get yourself and get somewhere to live. If you are in the government, get yourself in. Don't stand on the headline of the government. Either you are in or out.

Otherwise, even if you want to get fought, you can get fought through the resources of this government, but you cannot get fought by accusing the government. Mr. Speaker, we have scrutinised the office of the Deputy Governor and we realised, he is the most beneficial. He had never requested money in the office of the governor and yet remained not getting the benefit. The way he is talking is opposite from what he is getting.

Mr. Speaker, unless you want to give him Kshs.100 million to go for campaign, I don't think this House can be allowed to do that. That is my stand and my request to the Members. I know Members will take that as a serious issue on this issue of water. I know all of you want Laikipia North to get water. Why are you jealous? The water we get from the stream, that stream will never benefit Marmanet. That stream will never benefit Mukogodo. Let's work together and make sure all of us we are together so that we don't make it show as if we are killing Shuel in the political or we are killing somebody else politically. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You know me. When I do not agree with something, I do not agree with it. When I agree with it, I agree with it fully. Hon. Speaker, I stand to oppose the report. I am a member of the Budget Committee and my mind serves me very well. I know what we addressed as a committee and what we agreed.

Hon. Speaker, we had agreed that when we touch a flagship project in a specific area, we touch all of it. Us disagreeing on this budget does not make us enemies. Those who want to make it enmity, that is up to them. I strongly oppose this report. Everybody here is aware; and let your hearts serve you right. We all know the challenges women and school kids go through in Laikipia North, specifically Mukogodo West.

Hon. Speaker, this is an area where we have tried to dig boreholes and dams but a lot of things have happened, for instance breakdowns. Sometimes women and children are forced to line up on the road waiting for lifts from the lorries that go to fetch sand to go to the streams to fetch water so that they can cook in the evening and remain with a few litres to take to school in the morning.

Hon. Speaker, a reduction of the entire amount is a mockery to the people of Laikipia North in entirety. We had an agreement as a committee. The Members who were present in the *kamukunji* made a decision to have Kshs.40 million withdrawn from water departments. This Kshs.40 million was supposed to correct the challenges at the intake, which would probably require more than Kshs.5 million. The other amount was supposed to cater for storage in Mukogodo East so that those people who are there also get water. It was also to be used to repair the piping system.

The same water was supposed to serve the people of Doldol town, Ilpolei town, and Murpusi towards Soitoudo Group Ranch. It is unfortunate that we are speaking here saying that we are not going to have these 40 million because it has been put back into ongoing projects. Those ongoing projects were budgeted for very well in this House but unfortunately, the Executive decided who gets paid and who does not.

Hon. Speaker, even if this Kshs.40 million was withdrawn today, the entire pending bills would not be cleared. I know you want us to be united and live as a team and as a family. It is okay what has happened. The majority always win; they always have their way. We the minority will also have our say. I tried to ask the Chair that we spend a few minutes as the Budget Committee to discuss if they can agree with me on the kind of changes I wanted. That was not possible. When the Speaker gave us 20 minutes because there was a correction to be made, I tried to talk to you but you all agreed that the report should proceed as planned.

Hon. Shuel says that I always want him to fight but on this one, I do not want him to fight. Let me fight and see where it takes me. It is okay what is happening here. However, I know that this is a report which at one time someone will remember that there was an opportunity to give the people of Laikipia North water but we did not. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Members.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Gatati, I do not know whether you can make it short, because according to our Standing Order No. 31 we have few minutes left. So, kindly make a summary in a minute or two before I call upon the mover of the motion.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I will take one minute. I stand to support the report. I have noted with a lot of concern that we have some important things. As long as we are talking about the supplementary budget, we also need to look at our own source revenue on which is on a very bad trajectory. I think a human being should think more of what

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they have. We are only fighting over the money we have yet we have options to add more money.

We agree with what Hon. Lempaira is saying. The only problem is that we have limited resources. However, we have ways of increasing the resources. I also need water, roads, markets and street lights in my ward. Back in school, I was told that resources are limited while needs are unlimited. So, we cannot say that we want to satisfy everyone's needs. If you go to Tigithi, Hon. Mwaniki needs a very big slaughterhouse for his people.

I also want to inform Hon. Lempaira that the whole House supersedes the committee. Whatever you discuss in a committee, the House has more power on it. So, the House met and approved it. I also want to inform Hon. Lempaira that it is not the end. We have another financial year in which we can even allocate a hundred million to their water. What he needs to know, however, is that if we allocate a hundred million to water, he now needs to lose other money. All of us are equal and you cannot treat Laikipia North as special. I also need water in Salama but I have not been allocated any.

Hon. Speaker, I am now finishing, and you said very well that there is no time. So, give me another minute. It is also good to note that the Hon. Deputy Governor is doing us a very big mess going to media stations and painting this County Government as rotten. If my memory serves me well, in the Book of Mark 10.9; I do not know whether I have quoted well. The Bible says that for those people who God has put together, no man should set them apart. They brought a paper as Governor and Deputy Governor, so we cannot go against God's ruling to separate them.

I support and urge this House to sit and get more money and bring more projects. These Hon. Members need a lot in their wards. If I bring up all my needs in Salama ward, I will need a billion shillings to cater for them. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Members for their support for the report. I really appreciate, thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

VETTING OF FR. PAUL MWANGI WAMBUGU FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAIRPERSON LCDA

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following the motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Finance and County Planning Committee in its Report dated 1st December, 2025 on the approval hearing of Nominee for Appointment to the position of Chairperson Laikipia County Development Authority, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(1)a of the Laikipia County Development Authority Act, 2014, Section 35(2) and sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, this House approves the nomination of Fr. Paul Mwangi Wambugu for appointment by H.E. the Governor as the Chairperson Laikipia County Development Authority.

Hon. Speaker, I have this report on the vetting of Fr. Paul Mwangi Wambugu for appointment as chairperson of the LCDA. We vetted Fr. Paul Mwangi Wambugu as a committee and this is the report. This report was ready by last week and Members have gone

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through it because I know our Members are very active. They have read the report. They know the mandate of the committee and its membership.

For record purposes, it is very important that I mention the members of the committee:

1. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Chairperson
2. Hon. John Gichuki - Vice-Chairperson
3. Hon. Mary Gathoni - Member
4. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
5. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
6. Hon. Samuel Mugambi - Member
7. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member

Hon. Speaker, we also want to take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members for burning the midnight oil to bring this report to this House. I also thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for the facilitation they have made to the committee.

Hon. Speaker, this person is a priest, according to what he said and what we know. At this time, the Governor has seen it wise to nominate Fr. Paul Maina Wambugu to serve as the Chair of the Laikipia County Development Authority. As the committee, we vetted him and saw that he qualifies for the position. I think we are now in the good hands of a priest and I think we will get more donors to our county. He will pray for this county and God will help this county to get to another level where we will get more money and also make sure that we have enough money to implement the budget which we have already passed in this House.

Committee's Observations

1. The nominee is qualified and has met the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution pertaining to leadership and integrity.

Committee's Recommendations

1. Pursuant to Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments County Assemblies Approval Act 2017 and Standing Order No. 191 (5), the committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Fr. Paul Maina Wambugu for appointment by H.E. the Governor as the Chairperson of the LCDA.

Now, I take this opportunity to call upon Hon. Mugambi Gatati who also wishes to become a priest in future to second this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Because of time, I second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: I open the floor for Members who may want to contribute. Hon. Karuiru?

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate the committee which I am a member of. I am also proud of my Chair for his commitment. He has taken us through so many things. We have called institutions to verify whether the aforesaid Fr. Maina was really in those institutions. I would also like to congratulate H.E. the Governor for finding it better to have a clergyman lead as the Chair of the LCDA.

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As outlined, Mr. Speaker, we had nothing more or less to add to the report. I know we are going to get more resources than previously. I also want to congratulate the outgoing Mr. Mugambi because he also did his part. Going by his eloquence in answering the many questions that the committee had on that day, we saw that he is a person that is fit to lead the Board. I support and hope that the other Members will also support. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Allow me now to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kupongeza hii Nyumba kwa kumpitisha kasisi kuwa mwenyekiti wa LCDA. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.09 p.m.

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