REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 6th December, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LEGAL CONVENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to make a communication in regards to the adjournment of the Assembly on Thursday, 1st of December at 2.30 p.m.

Standing Orders, no; *108(1) provides that; in the event of grave disorder arising in the Assembly, the Speaker may adjourn the Assembly forthwith or suspend any sitting for a period to be determined by him/her.*

Hon. Members, further to Standing Orders No 1 provides that;

In all cases not hereinafter provided for and subject to the Constitution and other written laws, the Speaker shall decide having regard to the Order of the Assembly, the usages, forms, precedents, customs, procedures and tradition of the Assembly and the National Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, from other jurisdictions in view of the constitutional principles, the practices in other parliaments in so far as the same may be applicable to this Assembly.

Hon. Members, the big question arising is whether this House illegally convened. In observing the aforementioned and with adoption of the procedural motion before us, this House is legally convened. Thank you.

PAPERS LAID

DEVIATION FROM FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES IN CFSP

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

The report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the deviation from the Financial Objectives set out in the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2022/2023 financial year dated 3rd December, 2022.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

DEVIATION FROM FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES IN CFSP

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

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THAT, this House adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the deviation from the Financial Objectives set out in the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2022/2023 financial year dated 3rd December, 2022.

FIRST REPORT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, 2022/2023

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

THAT, this House adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations, on the First Report for supplementary budget for 2022/2023 financial year dated 3rd December, 2022.

REVIEW OF WATER TARIFFS

Hon. Mary Gathoni through Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a notice of motion. On behalf of Hon. Mary Gathoni I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, aware that Article 43(1) (d) of the Constitution of Kenya stipulates that, every person have the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

Further aware that Section 72(1&2) of the Water Act, 2016 provides that, the powers and functions of the Regulatory Board shall be to determine and prescribe national standards for the provision of water services and asset development for water services providers, evaluate and recommend water and sewerage tariffs to the county water services providers and approve the imposition of such tariffs in line with consumer protection standards;

Noting that pursuant to section 38(1) of the Water (Service Regulatory) Rules, 2012, the Regulatory Board may, on its own motion or pursuant to a complaint investigate any tariffs charged by a licensee;

Concerned that the Water service providers in the County namely Nanyuki and Nyahururu Water and Services Companies charged exorbitant tariffs during the last review;

Observing that Water tariff reviews are usually done every three years;

Cognizant that, water and sewerage services are devolved function;

This House urges the County Government to partner with the Water Services and Regulatory Board with a view to reviewing the tariffs downwards.

COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

Hon. Eunice Salaten through Hon. Catherine Uminja: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Eunice Salaten I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, aware that trade development and regulations including local tourism is the function of the County Government as provided in part four of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

AWARE that, Laikipia County is one of East Africa's most important areas for wildlife conservation with the higher populations of large mammals than any protected or unprotected landscape in Kenya, outside of the Maasai Mara National Reserve;

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FURTHER AWARE THAT, Laikipia County is also rich in biodiversity with over 95 species of mammals, 540 species of birds, over 700 species of plants and almost 1000 species of invertebrates already identified;

COGNIZANT that, the growth of the tourism industry has not yielded genuine benefits for rural communities even though they could benefit from participating in the tourism industry;

CONCERNED that some tourism investors and operators have taken advantage of the natural and cultural resources, which belong to communities, without any benefits accruing to the communities themselves;

APPRECIATING that the benefits of community based tourism to community include: much-needed attention and recognition to the local community, promotes cultural conservation, the income generated from tourism is more likely to stay within the local destination, Promotes an alternative to unsustainable forms of income such as poaching, Community-based tourism helps safeguard the well-being of the indigenous people, It encourages pride within the community and the protection of community resources, Community-based tourism encourages the participation of women, It encourages the conservation of wildlife.

ACKNOWLEDGING that, Laikipia County has twenty-four (24) both community and private conservancies which contribute to revenue generation for the County;

This House URGES the County Government of Laikipia to consider development and implementation of a comprehensive community beneficiation framework which will lead to improvement of local communities' capacity for understating community-based tourism issues and opportunities to provide realistic assistance to communities to maximize potential tourism opportunities.

STATEMENT

LEASING AND ACQUISITION OF SPECIALIZED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a request for extension of time to respond to a statement on leasing and acquisition of specialized vehicles and equipment. A statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Lekopien Parleto on 9th November, 2022 requesting for a response regarding to leasing and acquisition of specialized vehicles and equipment.

The committee sent a letter vide REF; CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol 03/02 to the County Executive Member–Finance and County Planning requesting for a response on the same to allow to respond in the House on 23rd November, 2022. The letter was received by the committee from the department on 14th November, 2022 vide REF; CGL/CEMF/S/Vol 01/32 requesting that the committee allow it to meet a comprehensive information on the same by close of business Friday, 25th November, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, the committee during its meeting held on 15th November, 2022 accepted the request by the department. The committee therefore requests an extension of time to enable a comprehensive report on the statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Speaker: Before we proceed to the next order, I would like to ask Hon. Nderitu, now that you have requested for an extension of time, how long do you think it will take to avail the response?

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kulingana na barua yenye tulipokea kutoka kwa waziri, aliuliza apatiwe wakati wa kujibu. Nafikiria kwa sababu hii wiki inaweza kuwa imeshikana na wiki inayofuata, pia tutakuwa mahali pengine. Nafikiria tukirudi kutoka likizo ripoti, inaweza kuwa tayari.

Speaker: Thank you. I will give you sufficient time. If I ask you to avail the response by 22nd February, will that be okay with you?

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Yes.

Speaker: Thank you. February, 22nd 2023, the House expects your response.

MOTIONS

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, pursuant to the Provisions of the Standing Order No. 29 (4) this House resolves to alter its calendar by postponing the recess date set to commence Friday, 2nd December, 2022 to begin Wednesday, 21st December, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to request Hon. Anthony to second me on this. Thank you.

(Hon. Anthony Theuri seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion for the benefit of our county. I can attest to whatever transpired and I am assured with your wisdom as you have quoted the Standing Order. I appreciate because we want to fulfill our obligation. We also don't need to hold our county at ransom. I fully support.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also join the Leader of Majority to support the extension. It would be prudent that we are left in this Assembly yet many County Assemblies in Kenya and the National Assembly has gone for recess. It is paramount we extend this because we did not have the supplementary budget and when we go for recess, it will be bad without good roads and our people are in dire need of food. We also need sufficient water and without the supplementary budget, it won't be prudent.

Mr. Speaker, in front of your desk you will soon receive the confirmation of the Chief Officers who will be vetted this week. I beg my fellow Hon. Members because despite being nominated or elected, they have a duty to play to serve the community. It is good whoever saw this and I love what you read in the Order Paper, we are reading from the same script that we need the extension of this Assembly to approve the budget and to do vetting so that it may go well. Those people who were in the House Business Committee for did a noble motion to extend and commit our time and resources to deliver to our people as we promised. Thank you.

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Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir for giving me this opportunity. First is to congratulate the mover of this motion for coming up with a noble motion. Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader has seen the importance of us not going home but dealing with important matters that are before us because of our county. We have seen the importance that we are here to represent our people and that is why we have seen the importance of us not going home. With those few remarks, I whole heartedly support this motion.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support the motion to extend the calendar of this House. Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that we have pending business which is very important in this House and Laikipia for the interest of the people of Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, I support this and I urge Hon. Members. Sometimes you do not burn your entire House because it has a small leakage. We are still in the process of learning these procedures. Next time we have a small issue, we need to sort it within ourselves instead of creating a bigger problem that might affect the operations of the county and this Assembly. Today I support. Thank you.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ili nichangie huu mjadala ambao ni muhimu. Kwanza naleta rambirambi zangu kwa Mheshimiwa mwenzetu ambaye tumetoka mazishi leo kwa kumpoteza mama yake. Kwa niaba ya Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia, Mungu awape pole. Hiyo nafasi mama ameacha, mungu arudishe.

Ningetaka kusema sababu ya kuongeza huu muda ni muhimu kwa sababu tulichaguliwa na watu wengi na wako na matumaini kwetu. Mungu anajua ni lazima tutimize nafasi zetu. Naunga mkono tuongezewe wakati ili Afisa Wakuu waingie kwa ofisi, kuwe na Bajeti ya Ziada na Katibu wa Kaunti awekwe kwa ofisi rasmi. Bwana Spika, naunga mkono na nakubaliana na yote. Asante.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate this chance you have accorded me. I support the motion on the extension of the Assembly Session. As Hon. Members, we should put some issues first. There are things that are very paramount in this Assembly. We are still lagging behind because we have C.O's we should be able to approve in this Assembly. There is the Supplementary Budget that is still pending and I hope we shall approve it today.

When there arises matters in this Assembly that have no big magnitude, we should not burn this House or cause havoc in this House because of minor issues that we should sort as Honourable Members. Also, this is a House of honour and when we want to drive this county forward, we should sit down as Honourable Members and sort out our differences as Honourable Members.

When there are pending issues that are important in this Assembly, let us put our differences aside we first of all sort that issue. We should approve the list of C.O's and the supplementary budget then we sit down and sort our differences as Honourable Members. That will be of a very big benefit to us. I support, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion and it is nice to have you back. When you are here, things usually go in order. First of all, I would like to clarify that this House is in order. We are all peaceful and there is no malice. If something happened, that was just a misunderstanding. That is water under the bridge. I support this motion on two important things.

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First of all, we are the representatives of our people. I come from the urban ward, Nanyuki Ward where we have challenges of unemployment. I represent the people of Nturukuma who dwell on farming. Having said that, I need my people to get jobs. If I go for recess without passing the budget, how are the unemployed youth going to benefit. In my ward, I hold the largest hospitals in this county. Where are the hospitals going to get drugs if Hon. Antony Theuri Wambui and his friends will not approve the budget and not approve the C.Os.

Having said that Mr. Speaker, I support this motion because we are the representatives of the Wanjiku. I would like to pass a good message to my people that we are not gluttons. We all know that we are very unfortunate in this era. The SRC decided that we should not get anything when we are seated here. We want to show our people that we are here to serve them regardless of pay or not.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge this Honourable House to approve this motion without blinking. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono kuongezwa kwa muda wa kwenda likizo kwa sababu tuko na kazi mingi ya kufanya. Kabla niende hapo, ningetaka kuwakumbusha Waheshimiwa kwamba tuko hapa kwa sheria. Bwana Spika, wakati kuna jambo lolote ambalo linatokea, tuko hapa kutatua na kuweka laini. Bwana Spika, ninaposikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira akisema tulichoma nyumba ama ingechomeka tungezima, ningetaka kumkumbusha hatukuchoma nyumba.

Kama tungechoma, tungechoma akiwa Mombasa na amepata ikiwa imechomeka. Hatuheshimu sisi ambao tulibaki huku kwa sababu tulitoa uamuzi wetu kulingana na vile tulikuwa tumeona. Bwana Spika, namuomba aheshimu Waheshimiwa wengine ili tuweze kuendelea. Kuongezwa kwa muda ni ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumepitisha bajeti…

Speaker: Order Hon. Member! Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, on a point of information, I would like to tell Hon. Stephen that I was in Mombasa but that does not mean you take the opportunity to cause issues that do not help the Assembly. Mr. Speaker…

Speaker: Hon. Member, this is not a question answer session. You said this is a point of information.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Yes.

Speaker: So, I would like us first of all to stick to the motion. We can embark on that later. Kindly.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningemwambia sitaki ujumbe wowote kwa sababu niko na huo ujumbe ambao anataka kunipatia. I don't need his information. I have all the information.

Speaker: Proceed Honourable Member.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, naunga mkono kuongezwa kwa muda kwa sababu tuko na kazi ambayo iko mbele yetu. Tuko na Bajeti ya Ziada ambayo tunafaa kupitisha. Wale ambao tunawakilisha wanahitaji kuwa na barabara, wanahitaji madawa kama vile Mheshimiwa Theuri amesema. Pia wale ambao tunawakilisha wa *bottom-up* ambaye ni mama mboga na watu

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wa bodaboda, wanatutegemea ili tupitishe bajeti ya ziada ambayo itawawezesha kuendesha miradi ambayo iko mbele yao.

Vilevile, naunga huu mjadala kwa sababu tuko na Afisa Wakuu na Katibu wa Kaunti ambao tunafaa kuwapitisha kabla ya kwenda likizo. Nakubaliana na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni kwa kuleta huu mjadala ili tupitishe. Nawapongeza Waheshimiwa kwa sababu tumeungana vizuri ili tuhakikishe Kaunti yetu inasonga mbele ikiwa na Afisa Wakuu, Katibu wa Kaunti na Bajeti ya Ziada.

Bwana Spika, kutoka hapo tutaunga wananchi ambao walituchagua ili waweze kuona tuko karibu na hao na tunawawakilisha vizuri na vile ambavyo inafaa. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for the contribution. I will now take this opportunity to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kabla niwapongeze ningetaka kusema Waheshimiwa wamesema ukweli kwamba ni lazima tuwache kama tumeshughulikia Katibu wa Kaunti na Afisa Wakuu. Ningetaka kuchukua hii fursa kuwapongeza kwa kuunga mkono huu mjadala. Kuweni na jioni njema. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

DEVIATION FROM FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES IN CFSP

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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 deviation from Financial Objectives set out in the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2022/2023 financial year dated 3rd December, 2022.

Preamble

Mr. Speaker, Section 108 (1-4) of the PFMA 2012, acknowledges that there could be a situation where there is change of County Government and therefore provides that: -

1) "A county government may, with the **approval of the County Assembly**, deviate from financial objectives in the relevant County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP), but only on temporary basis and only if the deviation in the event of a major natural disaster or some other significant unforeseen event.

2) If there is a change of County Government, the new County Government may deviate from financial objectives in a CFSP, but may not deviate from fiscal responsibilities objectives.

3) The County Treasury shall also provide a report to the County Assembly regarding the deviation and its implication and shall include in the report;

    a) Information on the reasons and implication for the deviation

    b) Proposals to address the deviation

    c) The time the deviation is estimated to last and,

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d) The status of development projects initiated by the County Government and if any projects have been stopped, the reasons for doing so.

4) The County Treasury shall publish and publicize the report not later than fifteen days after it has been submitted to the county assembly.

Further, section 117 of the Pubic Finance Management Act, 2012 provides the basis for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP). It provides for;

1) Preparation, submission and approval of CFSP by February of each year.

2) Aligning CFSP with the national objectives in the Budget Policy Statement.

3) County Treasury to specify the **broad strategic priorities and policy goals** that will guide the county government in **preparing its budget for the coming financial year and over the medium term.**

4) Include in its CFSP the financial outlook with respect to county government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the coming financial year and over the medium term.

5) In preparing the CFSP, the County Treasury shall seek and consider the views of: —

a) The Commission on Revenue Allocation;

b) The public;

c) Any interested persons or groups; and

d) Any other forum that is established by legislation.

Mr. Speaker, in the 2022 CFSP the County Government proposed to fund several projects through an infrastructure bond of **Kshs. 1.247** billion. However, before the Senate proceeded for **sine die recess,** the bond was not approved and therefore, the funds were not realized. Subsequently, some of the projects earmarked for funding through the infrastructure bond and the leasing program will be realigned and prioritized and implemented through ordinary financing mechanisms by the County Government on a priority basis. This is captured in the report by the county treasury on the deviation from financial objectives as set out in the CFSP 2022. **(See annexes - Memorandum to the County Assembly)**

Mr. Speaker, on 28th November 2022 the county treasury submitted a report on the deviation from the financial objectives as captured in the CFSP 2022. In the report, the County Treasury captured provisions of part 3 of section 108 of PFMA 2012 as follows;

a) Information on the reasons and implication for the deviation;

b) Proposals to address the deviation;

c) The time the deviation is estimated to last; and

d) The status of development projects initiated by the County Government and if any projects have been stopped, the reasons for doing so.

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Mr. Speaker, the report was tabled in the House and committed to the committee of Budget and Appropriations. Guided by the provisions of the PFM Act 2012 and the report submitted by the County Treasury, the committee met to scrutinize the memorandum on the intention to deviate from the financial objectives as set out in the CFSP 2022.

Committee's Methodology and Sittings

In the consideration of the memorandum, the Committee adopted a multifaceted approach that included holding various consultative forums with the CEC's and Sectoral Committees of the County Assembly in line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 and the County Assembly of Laikipia Standing Orders.

Committee's Composition

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Budget and Appropriation Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honourable Members: -

1. Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi - Chairman
2. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu Kamau - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. John Gichuki - Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira - Member
5. Hon. Irene John Wacuka - Member
6. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member
7. Hon. Benson Kuria - Member

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this report marks the first step in the preparation of the supplementary budget by the committee on Budget and Appropriations. The committee is eager to serve the people of Laikipia for the betterment of their livelihoods.

Acknowledgments

Mr. Speaker, the committee appreciates the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support received in discharging its mandate of reviewing the memorandum on the deviation from the financial objectives as set out in 2022 CFSP.

It is my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of Budget and Appropriation Committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to second.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono kumbukumbu ya kupotoka kwa sababu inakubaliwa kisheria. Kwanza hii kupotoka inakubali kama serikali imeingia ikiwa mpya. Inaweza kubadilisha miradi ambayo wanaona si ya kipaumbele kulingana na Manifesto ya Gavana. Bwana Spika, kama vile mwenyekiti ameelezea hili Bunge, mambo yote ambayo yanahitajika kisheria imetimizwa. Sisi kama kamati tumeweza kukubaliana na tumeona inafaa. Tunaomba Bunge iweze kupitisha na kukubaliana na haya mambo.

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Bwana Spika, bila kuongeza mambo mengine nafikiri mwenyekiti ameweza kueleza na tuko hapa kumuunga mkono na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kaunti imeungwa mkono ili tuweze kuwa na bajeti ambayo itapelekana na Manifesto ya Gavana. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report. The report has met the requirements of the law and it is clear from the Chair. He has read the observations, the recommendations and I am sure the report is clear to the Members. Mr. Speaker, the report has taken care of many areas. I want to mention few of the areas that I would like to clarify to the Members.

The PFM Act clearly indicates that the wage bill, the salaries and remunerations must be 35% of the total budget allocation. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the new government made it clear to us that they are trying to reduce the wages and salaries. Mr. Speaker, we have taken care of health.

A huge 46% of the total budget goes to the health knowing that the manifesto of the Governor is considering the health department. So, this budget Mr. Speaker, has taken care of everything, despite knowing that this budget will only elapse after six months from today, so we are hit waiting for the big budget that we will take care of everything. This budget might not have a big allocation for every Ward but the little that is there has taken care of all Wards. If you look at the ECD, Kshs.1.6 million will go to every Ward for ECD. When it comes to roads Mr. Speaker, Kshs.11 million will take care of bridges or probably the emergency roads. Leases, leasehold, and murraming have also almost Kshs.37 million.

Mr. Speaker, this budget has taken care of many areas. We also have allocation for bursary. Mr. Speaker, I want to urge Members to pass this budget because I know it will take care of the interests of our community, or our people that we are representing. I don't want to go into details because Members have copies. I want to support this and also urge Members to support and I am sure when we go for recess, in January, probably we will be getting bursaries to give to our people. Our people are anxiously waiting for development on the ground, so unless we pass this one, we will not realize that development in the ground. I stand to support and I am sure all Members will support this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. I want to give the chance to the Hon. Joseph Gitahi.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel privileged to add a few comments as I support the report made by the Select Committee on Budget. Mr. Speaker, firstly I want to congratulate the Select Team that sat down for long hours to develop this master plan that we have, one that we will use for the next six months. Mr. Speaker, one thing that makes me applaud the Committee and therefore the report that has been tabled Mr. Speaker, is the relevance of the budget to the key issues affecting our society. I have seen the 46% allocation to the Department of Health, Mr. Speaker, which has been a huge burden to the population that we represent.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I have seen also the allocation on Early Childhood Development and Education in the different wards Mr. Speaker. It is commendable that the whole number of Members had to think positively of setting up a basic plan for the education of our children before they even get to other levels. One more thing that excites me Mr. Speaker about this budget, is also

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that despite the scarcity of the resources, we have considerable allocation for the roads, for the wards that we do come from. I therefore commend the team like I said.

One more thing that I would want to add Mr. Speaker before I take my seat is that we are living in an era of scarcity of resources. We had very little money to allocate or to relocate to the different departments that needed these resources. Mr. Speaker, having said that, I want to thank all Members because we have reasonably gone through the budget as a House and we are going on with it examining the things are allocated there and I thank the Members for their considerable reason on passing these Report.

Another key important aspect is that I would want to request all Members that we take up the role of development communication. You realize that even though the resources are scarce, there is a manner in which we can involve the community while delivering these development projects so that they are fully utilized. The key issue is that all this money that has been allocated to different departments is fully utilized and fully exploited so that these societies can make a step forward in the socio-economic development and also development of other projects.

I have casually shared it with Hon. Catherine Nyokabi of Ngobit Ward that when I look at the budget report, there is very little allocated in some key departments that would have boosted the livelihood of members from Laikipia County. But she told me in Swahili *kubali yaishe*, in the next budget, we will be able to allocate more funds to the water department and more funds to the agricultural departments so that we are able to plough back a lot of revenue to this County Government for its continuity. Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira, the floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a Member of the Budget Committee, I stand here to support this report and urge the Members that we pass it. Mr. Speaker, this is a good time for all the Members who are here today because we have also been given an opportunity to align some of these projects or propose that actually help to solve some of the problems we are facing in our in our Wards. For example, when we look at the infrastructure, we have an opportunity to align them especially into issues with the security roads. Actually, security has become a major problem within the entire county. As you are all aware, over the weekend, we lost a Senior Chief who was actually having just a month to retire, a senior Government Official, senior community leader who we just lost because of insecurity.

So some of these projects that have been proposed here for financing would really help in in support of these issues. Mr. Speaker, we noticed that there is little that has been allocated especially to livestock departments. Maybe when we have an opportunity coming up with the next financial year budget, I want to urge Members that we consider some of these critical departments next time. They are actually helping in changing the livelihood of our people just as Hon. Joseph Gitahi just said. I want to fully stand here this afternoon and support this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Samuel Mugambi.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to contribute and also support to these supplementary budget proposal. I have some insights that give me the big reasons to support it and the first reason is the County Administration on county headquarters assumption. Mr. Speaker, according to our able Governors statements last month, he promised the

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people of Laikipia to migrate the headquarters from Nanyuki to Rumuruti. I can see in the supplementary budget, there are some good amounts of money that is allocated there. So by passing this budget, we facilitate our Governor to have his goods services served from Rumuruti.

I also have some good insights from the health in the recurrent budget whereby we are paying the specialists that we are reemploying after they were fired by the former regime since health is a basic need nowadays. I think that is also another reason that makes me to support the supplementary budget. Also, specifically now when it comes to the people of Salama, I can see that they are given Kshs.11,500,000 to some graveling and Murraming of some roads, which will give them hope, even my leadership. I can also see that the youths are remembered, the Governor's cup is given Kshs.20 million as we keep the youth busy, I can also see the other KICOSCA games and the KYSIA games. I can see also the County Government is allocating some money to the ICT. So, Mr. Speaker I think it is high time we start now hitting the ground running since we are elected…

Speaker: Hold on Hon. Samuel Mugambi. Hon John Gichuki please.

Hon John Gichuki: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Naomba nielezewe kama tunazungumza kuhusu bajeti ama usawasishaji wa bajeti kwa sababu naona Waheshimiwa wengi wako kwa bajeti na sisi tuko katika usawasishaji.

Speaker: Hon. Member we are now on deviation. Would you like to interject the Hon. John Gichuki?

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante Bwana Spika. Yale tunayoyazungumzia hapa ni memorandam alfu tukishamaliza tunaenda kwa bajeti. Kwa hivyo, naomba Waheshimiwa waelewe vizuri.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Samuel Mugambi, are you done with the floor?

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Okay, sorry. So, I will proceed with deviation. I think the communication team gave me the wrong document here so it is not my wish. So having now been issued with a new report on the deviation from financial objectives set out in the Laikipia County. I think Mr. Speaker, we have...

Speaker: Please, Hon. Simon Kanyutu

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, we need to be guided. Hon Samuel Mugambi has not deviated because that is the document that we have. Even me, I have the same. The other one that we are being told, we don't have the document and we need to be given that document.

Speaker: Hon. Members, we are on the motion about deviating, let me just remind Members, we are discussing the appropriation on the deviation from financial objectives. We know that there is the motion, but for the time being we need to stick to the deviation from the original setting that was set.

As already introduced, the law allows a new Government to make some adjustments and deviate from the original planning and I think what we are now on the deviation agenda and I would like that we continue to participate in this motion before we move to the next one. Hon. Members, I hope you are fully guided. Thank you. The Hon. Samuel Mugambi, would you like to proceed? Kindly

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Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I wanted to proceed by saying nowadays we are putting a very bad precedence whereby Hon. Members are seated here served with the wrong documents while we have very important motions. No one is taking pictures and so nothing will be posted in important occasions like this one. So, I need to stop there because I am somehow confused. Thank you, Mr. Speaker,

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Samuel Mugambi, allow me to give the floor to the Hon. John Gichuki.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante Bwana Spika. Nafikiria kumekua na makosa kidogo kutopewa makaratasi sahihi. Tumeangalia kwa vyombo zetu hapa na zipo. Nataka kuwasihi Waheshimiwa wote waunge mkono huu usawasishaji wa bajeti. Nikiangalia vizuri Bwana Spika, kuna vitu mengi alizoweka yule aliyekua mbele yangu. Yanayomfurahisha yeye pengine nikaja nikaona sio yenye inanifurahisha mimi, bali yenye inawatumikia wananchi. Kwa hivyo, naunga mkono na pia naomba Wabunge wenzangu waunge mkono, asante Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, allow me now to call the mover to reply.

Hon Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On this report on deviation, I really appreciate the support that the Members have given to this motion and I thank all the Members. Thank you very much.

(Question put and agreed to)

FIRST REPORT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, 2022/2023

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: 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 for supplementary budget for 2020/2023 financial year dated 3rd December 2022.

Mr. Speaker, in line with the provisions of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders 215, I hereby present the report on the budget and appropriations committee on the supplementary estimates No.1 for the financial year 2022/2023. The 1st Supplementary estimates were tabled in the House on 22nd November 2022, pursuant to the provision of section 135 of the PFMA 2012 and standing orders no. 215.

The supplementary budget has been submitted in line with the provisions of 108 (2) of the PFMA 2012. The provisions of this section allows a new County Government where there has been a change of County Government to deviate from the financial objectives of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper but maintain the fiscal responsibility principles spelt out in section 107 2(a-g). Stating the provision of section 108 of the PFMA 2012, the County Government has opted to suspend the leasing program of the heavy machinery and motor vehicles as well as stop the borrowings through the infrastructural bond.

Section 135 (7) of the PFMA 2012 states that 'in any financial year, the County Government may not spend under this section more than 10% of the amount appropriated by the County Assembly for that year unless the County Assembly has, in special circumstances, approved a higher percentage.

Committee Observations

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee observes that;

1. There is huge reallocation of funds by the County Treasury to take care of the financial objectives that the current County Government will focus on. The county has shifted its focus on improving on service delivery in the health sector throughout the county. The health workers sacked by the previous regime have since been reinstated and the operations of the hospitals will be improved further through implementation of the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF).
2. The allocations towards the leasing of infrastructural facilities have been removed. The leasing program has since been suspended as the county reviews the terms of engagement with the lessor. The constructions of road infrastructure will however continue but on contractual engagements.
3. The county treasury is not committed to continue with the borrowing plan, it has therefore proposed to stop implementation of the infrastructure bond funded projects whose funds were not realized. The county had allocated Kshs.145 million towards payments of interest on infrastructure bond. These funds will be re-allocated to fund other development priorities.

Committee Recommendations

Policy Recommendations

1. That, the office of the Auditor General conducts a forensic audit on the utilization of the leasing funds from acquisition of the leasing equipment to program implementation. This will help determine whether the county got value for money and benefited from the program.
2. That, the County Treasury to give a report on the Laikipia County Development Authority operations. The Authority has been in place for more than seven years with a mandate of helping raise development funds for the county to fund development priorities for the county government. A report on the achievements of the authority to guide on future funding of the authority.
3. That, the county to consider increasing the allocations made towards agriculture department through veterinary services, fisheries, crops and livestock subsectors. This will facilitate a food secure county as well as improve on the quality of food products.
4. That, the County Government provides a report to this House of all the sacked and reinstated doctors, the County Treasury to avoid instances of double compensations for the doctors who were hired by other government agencies.
5. That, the County Treasury provides status of all suspended projects that were to be funded through the Infrastructure Bond. The report to include the completion status as well as any payment made towards the same.
6. That, the County Government provides a report of all leased vehicles which are still in use and the cost implication. The committee on Transport and Public Works to conduct a cost Benefit Analysis for the machinery still in use and report to this house.

Financial Recommendations

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Having considered the above matters, the committee recommends that this house resolves to approve

i. That the supplementary budget estimates no.1 of financial year 2022/2023 is finalized as per the attached schedules.

Committee's Composition

Mr. Speaker, the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations is comprised of the following members:

1. Hon. Mwaniki Muturi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira - Member
5. Hon. Mwangi Benson Kuria - Member
6. Hon. Irene Wachuka John - Member
7. Hon. Maina John Gichuki - Member

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The Budget and Appropriations Committee would like to appreciate the Sectoral Committees and all Members of the County Assembly of Laikipia for the participation in scrutiny of the supplementary estimates no. 1 for Financial Year 2022/2023.

The committee expresses its gratitude's to the Office of the Speaker, the Office of the Clerk, Budget Office and all the Sectoral Clerk Assistants for the effort in ensuring that this House is able to process this budget within the timelines.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to the Honourable Members of the budget and Appropriations committee who made insightful contributions towards the preparation of this report. On behalf of the committee and pursuant to standing orders no. 215 read together with provisions of section 135 of the PFMA 2012, it's my pleasant duty and privilege to table the report on the supplementary Estimates No.1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and recommend it to the House for adoption.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Stephen Nderitu to second.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kwanza ningetaka kupongeza Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti kwa sababu ya ukakamavu na ujasiri na kutupeleka vyema wakati alipokuwa anasoma hii ripoti na hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba tunasonga mbele kama Kenya na Laikipia pamoja. Ningetaka pia kupongeza Wajumbe wote ambao wako katika hii Kamati ya Bajeti anayoongozwa na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki nikiweko, Mheshimiwa Leshuel, Mheshimiwa Lempaira ambaye anaelewa mambo ya bajeti na *procurement*, pia Mheshimiwa Kuria ambaye ni askofu na wakati wowote tunapozungumzia bajeti, huwa anatuombea tusije tukapoteza mwelekeo.

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Tuko pia na Mheshimiwa Irene Wachuka ambaye alikuwa diwani na yuko na ujuzi wa bajeti, tuko na Mheshimiwa Gichuki Maina ambaye huhusika sana na wafadhili na fadhili nyingi ambazo zitapatikana hapa atakuwa amechangia. Hii ni bajeti ambayo itatuwezesha sisi kama Kaunti kusonga mbele kwa sababu bila hii bajeti ni kumaanisha ya kwamba hata mishahara hakuna na pia maendeleo hatuwezi kupata. Kwa hivyo, hii ni bajeti ambayo tunafaa kuwa makini ili tuweze kuupitisha.

Bwana Spika, nafikiria ya kwamba Kamati ya Bajeti imeweza kuwahusisha washika dau wote kutoka wenyeviti wote wa idara mbali mbali na pia mawaziri wote na tumekubaliana ya kwamba yale yote ambayo yako hapa ni yale ambayo wananchi wa Laikipia wanataka. Vile vile, nimeweza kuona ya kwamba kuna idara ya administration ambayo imeweza kupokea shilingi milioni 289 ambazo zimewekwa ili kugharamia mishahara. Ningetaka kuwakumbusha ya kwamba kuna wale madaktari ambao walikuwa wamevutwa na waliweza kurudishwa. Kwa hivyo kupitia Gavana mwenyewe, wameweza kuona ni vizuri hiyo pesa ipatikane na kwa hivyo imepatikana hapa.

Kuna ile miradi ambayo imetolewa na kwa sababu tulipitisha, kwa hivyo Waheshimiwa mkaona ya kwamba kuna mradi ambao umetolewa. Ujue ni kwa sababu sisi wenyewe tulikaa chini na kupitisha hayo mambo na kwa hivyo, serikali iko na uhuru wa kuweza kuhamisha hizo pesa na kupanga bajeti upya.

Bwana Spika, pia Idara ya Afya imeweza kupata mgawo mwingine wa pesa zaidi ya shilingi milioni 45. Kuna mambo ya mishahara pia ambayo kama kamati, tumeweza kuangalia ya kwamba mishahara inachukua 45% na kwa hivyo, bili ya malipo iko juu. Ni jukumu ya serikali n a pia hili Bunge kuweza kuangalia hapo sana kwa sababu kama kila wakati tutakuwa tukiongea mambo ya 45% na sheria inasema 35%, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba tumezidisha na 15% ambapo hizo pesa zingefaa ziwe kwa maendeleo.

Kwa hivyo, itakuwa ni jukumu kubwa kwetu sisi kama Bunge kuhakikisha ya kwamba serikali haipitishi 35%. Nafikiria kama Kamati ya utendakazi inaweza kukaa chini kujua ni kwa nini mishahara imeenda juu hadi 45% na ni kinyume cha sheria. Tuko pia na Mwenyekiti wa Administration ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Gatati na ninajua pia ataweza kuingia katika hiyo idara na kuangalia ni kwa nini mishahara imefika kiwango hicho, na pia waweze kutufahamisha ni kina nani wameweza labda kuongezwa ama ni kwa nini hizi pesa zinaongezeka namna hiyo.

Bwana Spika, hii ni bajeti ambayo kila Mjumbe ameweza kupitia na kukagua na kuangalia yale yote ambayo inaendelea. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Leshuel alikuwa amesema kitambo, kuna yale mambo ambayo tuliweza kuongeza kama ECD. Kulikuwa na wadi kumi ambazo zilikuwa na ECD lakini tulipokaa chini kama Wajumbe na kamati, tulikubaliana ya kwamba kila wadi iweze kupata darasa ya chekechea kwa sababu hao ndio ambao tunaruhusiwa kisheria kuweza kuwashughulikia.

Bwana Spika, mambo ya maji, wakati tulipokuwa tunaangalia hii bajeti, tulisikizana ya kwamba ni vizuri kila wadi iweze kupokea pesa za kuhakikisha wananchi wamepata maji kwa sababu ni haki ya wananchi kupata maji na kuipata ikiwa safi. Hilo ni jukumu letu kama waakilishi na pia serikali. Kwa hivyo, kuna miradi ambayo Wajumbe wataona imeandikwa *ongoing* kumaanisha ya kwamba tutakaporudi kufanya bajeti ya 2023-2024, tutaweza kuongeza hizo pesa na ziweze kupatikana ndio hiyo kiradi ziweze kusonga mbele.

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Mambo ya barabara, nafikiri Wajumbe wote walioko hapa na ambao wanawakilisha wadi tofauti wameweza kupata nafasi ya kupeleka zile barabara ambazo wanataka zitengenezwe na serikali ya Kaunti, wahakikishe ya kwamba zimewekwa.

Speaker: Hon. Gitahi, what is it?

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: I am guided Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nafikiri Gitahi anataka kuongea kwa sababu anajua ya kwamba hii bajeti ndiyo inafaa kumuongoza. Anaelewa ya kwamba wananchi wake wanategemea hii bajeti sana na kwa hivyo, yuko macho na ndiyo maana anafinya bila hata kukumbuka amefinya kipaza sauti, maana anawachwa wachwa na wananchi ambao wanataka kutengenezewa barabara, maji na pia pesa za kufadhili masomo.

Katika mambo ya ujenzi, nafikiri ya kwamba Wajumbe wamekuwa makini kuhakikisha ya kwamba zile barabara ambazo zimewekwa ni zile ambazo wenyewe wamepeana kwa sababu ikiwekwa ingine ambayo haujapeana, wale ambao wataenda kutekeleza, watafanya kulingana na vile wanaona kwa bajeti. Kwa hivyo, bila kuongeza mengi kwa sababu najua tuko na wakati mwingi na pia tunaelekea kwa mjadala mwingine, nafikiri ya kwamba Wajumbe wameweza kupitia na kuona yale yote ambayo yamewekwa hapo.

Bwana Spika, umesikia mwenyekiti akiongea mambo ya *Infrastructural Bond* ambayo ilikuwa imewekwa na serikali iliyopita lakini kwa wakati huu, hiyo *bond* haiko. Kwa hivyo, ndio utaona ya kwamba kuna mabadiliko ambayo zitakuweko wakati Mjumbe anaposoma hii bajeti. Hayo ndiyo niko nayo na kuwaomba Wajumbe wote ambao wako hapa tuweze kupitisha hii ripoti ili ikifikia Ijumaa tuweze kupitisha Appropriation maana hii ni ripoti ambayo itakayotengeneza appropriation.

Kwa hivyo, Wajumbe tukimaliza hii ripoti wasifikirie ya kwamba tukipitisha hii ripoti bajeti itaweza kutumika. Bado tuko na nafasi nyingine ya kuleta Mswada wa Appropriation ambao utaletwa kesho au kesho kutwa ndio tuweze kupitisha ndio serikali iweze kuwa na pesa mkononi.

Bila hiyo bado kazi iko mbele. Kwanza tupitishe hii, halafu tuje tupitishe appropriation. Kwa hivyo, naomba wajumbe wote kwa sababu naona wakiwa makini na hii bajeti na wako tayari kupitisha. Nikiangalia nyuma na pande zote hadi upande wa upinzani, naona wakiwa tayari. Naona ya kwamba hii bajeti tutaipitisha kwa umoja. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Wakati mwingine nikiangalia vizuri naona ni kama Mheshimiwa Kagondu ni yule mtu wa kusoma watu akili. Ni kama amesomea…

Speaker: What is it Hon. Catherine?

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningeomba tu ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Gichuki kama kwa hili Bunge kuna mtu anayeitwa Mheshimiwa Kagondu.

Hon. John Gichuki: Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba Mheshimiwa Stephen anielezee jina lake la tatu ni lipi kwa sababu namjua kama Stephen Ndiritu Kagondu.

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Speaker: Hon. Stephen, could you make a clarification to the House.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nitamuelezea kwa upole ya kwamba majina yangu yote kamili ni Stephen Ndiritu Kamau. Hiyo ingine ni ile ya mtaani.

Speaker: Well informed, well guided. Thank you, very much Hon. Ndiritu.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Pengine ni Kamau na Kagondu zinanichanganya. Mimi nafurahia sana kwa sababu nikimwangalia vizuri amesema ya kwamba upande wa nyuma, mbele na pande zote ziko sawa. Pengine ni kama wale waliokuwa wanasoma nyota lakini naomba kuendelea kuchangia huu mjadala.

Bwana Spika, lile ambalo limenifurahisha sana ni kwamba kuna soko moja ambayo imenisumbua huko Rumuruti, ambapo kina mama wanateseka kila siku. Soko ambalo lilichimbuliwa mitaro likiwa linajengwa lakini mwishowe, likawa halikuwa limepewa pesa. Kwa hivyo, mimi nimefurahi sana kupata ya kwamba hilo soko limepewa shilingi milioni 8, ingawaje linahitaji karibu milioni 60 lakini milioni 8 bado tuko kwa njia ya kupata hizo zingine. Nakubaliana na hii bajeti na bado naendelea kukubaliana kwa sababu nikifuatilia kwa zile shule za chekechea, nimepata ya kwamba niko na darasa moja ambalo pia lilikuwa limenisumbua sana.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hata siku moja nilijitolea mabati nikaenda na kujenga hilo darasa. Kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa pesa, niliweza tu kujenga nusu lakini nusu ikabaki. Kwa hivyo, nimefurahia sana kupata nimepewa pesa ya kujenga hilo darasa. Niko pia na barabara nyingi sana ambazo zinanisumbua huko. Wakati wa siasa, magari yangu yaligongwa chini. Niko na gari moja ambalo hivi sasa linahitaji *engine* ya karibu shilingi 70,000 na nikifuatilia vizuri, ni kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa pesa za kujenga hiyo barabara. Nikifuatilia vizuri kwa hii bajeti, niko na hiyo pesa.

Nikifuatilia tena kuna kisima ambayo ilichimbuliwa katika shule ambayo nilikuwa nasomea na juzi wazazi walikuwa wameniita na wakaniuliza, Mheshimiwa kwa sababu tulikuchagua, unafikiria nini kuhusu hii shule yetu kwa sababu malipo ya maji imeenda juu sana? Kwa hivyo, mimi nimefurahia kwa sababu nimepata milioni moja ya kuweka mashine ya kuvuta maji kutoka chini katika hiyo kisima.

Nimeona pia vijana wetu wa *boda boda* wameangaliwa sana kwa sababu wako na *boda boda sheds* na kwa hivyo, wakati wa mvua hawatakuwa wakiteseka. Bado nilikuwa na choo moja ambayo ilikuwa inasumbua hapo mjini na tulikuwa tunatumia lori la kutoa uchafu karibu kila baada ya siku mbili lakini, nimefurahia sana kuona ya kwamba nimepewa milioni moja ili iweze kurekebishwa ili maji ya mvua iache kuingia ndani. Kwa hivyo, mimi naunga mkono na kwanza nimshukuru sana Mwenyekiti wangu ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Mwaniki na pia nimekuwa mwanachama pale. Hatujaweza kulala kwa sababu tumesumbuka sana kuhakikisha ya kwamba hii bajeti imefika hapa. Naomba kukomea hapo na ninaunga huu ripoti 100%.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the supplementary budget. In education, I have got an ECDE class which I have given locally known as Lokrene ECD Nursery. These kids have been learning under a tree for many years. It is unfortunate that they have been learning under a tree but I am happy that in this budget we have budgeted to have a class for them. So the budget here is reflecting to some of the needs of our people at the ground.

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) took the Chair]

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When you also look at the Department of Health which I chair, it takes the interest of the entire county. Some of this money which has been allocated to this department is actually going to help our people from different wards, especially in the issue of medical service delivery. It is also important to note that the doctors who were brought back and now through this budget, they have the necessary equipment to do their work.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a budget that actually reflects the interests of our people for these few months and if we continue like this, then we will change the lives of the people of Laikipia in our specific wards. Therefore, I want to support this report this afternoon. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: The floor is still open.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) left the Chair]

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

Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is still open for the Members who would like to contribute.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to join hands with my fellow Members. I must congratulate the Budget Committee for the way they actually supplemented despite the former budgets being left the way it was. It is very noble as I begged during the procedural motion over extension of time. It would be disgusting if we would go home and currently almost 80% of Laikipia had been drought hit, we need our people as we promised. During the beginning of devolution, we promised our people that they will get water from nearby places. Under the same extension, we have got bad roads.

The ongoing drought is a major challenge to be followed again. It would be unwise if we would adjourn this Assembly without going through the budget. When we go home for the festive seasons, the Hon. Members who have been very active since they were sworn in now will leave the Chief Officers who we are almost appointing so that they may also deliver to our people despite of us being away. So, I beg the Hon. Members to join hands so that we may pass this budget so that in few or many days, that have been given by the National Treasury could be quickened so that at the eve of Christmas it can be active. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, very much. I now would like to call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really appreciate the support that has been given to this motion. Thank you all Members who have supported the motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MEMBERS HOUSEKEEPING MEETING

Speaker: Before we rise, I just want to pass information that we may need to remain in the chambers after the session for some Housekeeping. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 7th December, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

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The House rose at 4.06 p.m.

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