REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 17th June, 2026

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell be rung for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 2 minutes)

Speaker: Hon. Kibue?

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can confirm that we have quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if indeed we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

PAPER LAID

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following paper:

The public engagement report on the Laikipia County Budget estimates for the 2026/2027 financial year dated 17th June, 2026.

Thank you.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the paper on the Table of the House)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the public engagement report on the Laikipia County Budget estimates for the 2026/2027 financial year dated 17th June, 2026.

Thank you.

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MOTION

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the public engagement report on the Laikipia County Budget estimates for the 2026/2027 financial year dated 17th June, 2026.

Hon. Speaker, in this document we have the public participation report which was done.

PREFACE

Committee Establishment and Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations constitutes the following Members:

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

INTRODUCTION

The public participation exercise (submission of memoranda) is set out in accordance to Article 196 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya. So, it is the right of the public to engage with the government on matters of budget. A gazette notice was published in the Nation Newspaper on Wednesday, 20th May 2026 as indicated in Annexture 1. The gazette notices clearly indicated that the memoranda are submitted on or before June 2nd, 2026 through the Clerk of the Assembly office and by email to: info@laikipiaassembly.go.ke.

The Laikipia County Budget Estimates was uploaded on the County Assembly website for access by members of public. However, since no submissions were received, the notice was extended on Thursday June 4th 2026 and the views were to be received on or before June 10th 2026, through the Clerk of the Assembly office.

Mr. Speaker, on submission of memoranda, the select committee of Budget and Appropriation received several memoranda from the members of public on different occasions. The memorandums contained a number of issues that the public suggested and are as follows; The Members can go on page 5 and see what the members of the public have recommended there and the report is in the gadgets.

Department Of Health and Sanitation

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The department has been allocated approximately Kshs 1.2 billion excluding salaries and remuneration representing over 15% of the county budget. Given the magnitude of this allocation, future investments should be guided by measurable health outcomes, staffing adequacy, infrastructure functionality, and budget performance.

Recommendations

1. Allocate adequate resources for recruitment of critical healthcare personnel.
2. Prioritize absorption of qualified health workers currently serving on contractual and casual terms into permanent and pensionable employment.
3. Provide sufficient resources for staff promotions, career progression, and continuous professional development.
4. Develop and publish an annual Health Workforce Staffing Gap Analysis and HRH Performance Report.
5. Introduce staff recognition and motivation programmes to improve retention and productivity.
6. Establish clear and traceable budget lines for HRH development, promotions, and replacement hiring.

Mr. Speaker, since the Members have got this report with them, they fully understand what it entails. This is a public engagement report required by the law to lay this report in this House so that the Members can debate on it. Therefore, doing away with this, the next step will be the budget. We were supposed to lay the budget today but we are hoping that we could get some additional allocation of money and therefore we are requesting the Members to bear with us.

We are going to bring that report next week on Tuesday so that we can have the whole figure which we are supposed to work with. We are doing this because by early January we are supposed to have the supplementary budget, and how the time is moving. I know that the Members will be in campaign mode and therefore we will not have sufficient time for a supplementary. That is why I am requesting the Members to agree with the committee that the budget report be brought here next week so that we can approve it.

Hon. Speaker, we were also supposed to proceed on recess by next Wednesday and I would like to request the Members to allow the House to extend the recess to another day to give time for the Appropriation Act which is very important in this county. So, without much ado, I request Hon. Leshuel who has been a councillor for a long time and now the current MCA of Mukogodo West, to second the motion. We are hoping that next time he will be representing the people of Laikipia North in the Senate or the National Assembly. Thank you.

Speaker: Before I give to Hon. Leshuel, just to let you know that he is the Member representing Mukogodo East and not West.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, very much Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this motion. I am also privileged to be a Member of this committee and it is very true that public participation is a requirement and we must comply. This is a House of law and we must comply with the laws of Kenya. Constitution 2010 clearly indicates that public participation must be done in everything that involves the community.

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Mr. Speaker, you know that one of the Members of this House went to court challenging the budget because of the public participation but unfortunately, he realized later that we normally do a serious public participation. If we didn't do that, then we could have lost that case. Public participation is a requirement and the members of public must give their views. We base the report on what we receive from the public.

The reason why we bring the report to this House is so that the Members can see exactly what the public have said concerning the budget. According to the public views, there are few things that have been mentioned by the Chair and nothing can make us not to pass the budget.

The Chair also made it very clear in this House that we were supposed to table the budget today but unfortunately; we hope that we may get some increment on our budget from the Senate; both in the Assembly and the Executive. So, instead of passing the budget and go back again to the supplementary, it might give us some headache. That is why we decided to wait and see.

I want to notify Members that we met the Senate's Budget Committee and we have some hope that we might get something in this Assembly that shall help us run the Assembly smoothly. Mr. Speaker, it is good for Members to understand that this report is clear according to the way the Chairperson has represented. Mr. Speaker, my request is we be patient and wait for next week.

I am requesting Hon. Members to pass this Public Participation Report so that we can be able to move to the next step. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open the floor for Members who may need to contribute to this motion. Hon. Members, allow me to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nachukua hii nafasi kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa wote kwa kuweza kuchangia. Hii ripoti ni muhimu. Mheshimiwa Spika, nawashukuru kwa kuwa mstari wa mbele kama *Service Board* kwa kuwakilisha Bunge la Kaunti yetu katika Seneti ili tupate fedha za ziada. Bwana Spika, sisi tunaona kuna mwangaza na tunawatakia kila la heri.

Mungu akitujalia tutajua vile tutafanya kwa sababu mnafanya kazi nzuri ambayo tunafurahia tukijua ya kwamba Kaunti yetu na Bunge letu la Kaunti lina upungufu wa fedha. Bwana Spika, ninataka uelewe na uone umuhimu wa bajeti katika Kaunti yetu ambapo siku ya leo unaweza kuona kila mmoja yuko ndani ili kuweza kuhakikisha ya kwamba maslahi ya wananchi ambao tunawakilisha imeweza kuwakilishwa vizuri.

Utaona ya kwamba mpaka wale ambao wametoka Sosian kama Kiongozi wa walio wachache yuko katika Bunge hili ili kutetea watu wa Sosian na kwingineko. Ninamuona Mheshimiwa Kamara ambaye ametoka kule mwisho ambapo kuna vita na ameweza kuja hapa kuhakikisha watu wa kwake wamepata haki ya maendeleo ambayo inafaa kuenda katika maeneo hayo. Kwa hayo machache, ninawashukuru na kuwapongeza.

Ninawasihi wiki ijayo tutakapokuwa tunaleta bajeti, ni vyema tuwe wote ili kila Mheshimiwa aweze kuangalia na kuona ya kwamba kila mradi ambao unafaa kuwa ndani ya bajeti imewekwa. Bwana Spika, wakati mwingine tukimaliza kuna hitilafu ya kuandika ya ripoti lakini kwa wakati huu ninajua tuko na makarani wenye uwezo ambao wanaelewa kazi yao. Natumai kila kitu itakuwa sawa.

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Ninawashukuru makarani ambao wanatufanyia kazi. Wamekuwa wakifanya kazi usiku na mchana ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba bajeti inaendelea vizuri. Vilevile, ningetaka kuwashukuru makarani kwenye meza ya Bunge hili kwa kuhakikisha kila kitu kiko na utaratibu kwa njia ambayo inafaa na ikifuata sheria za kaunti na za Bunge. Asante sana na ninashukuru.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. These being the views of the public, normally a question will not be put. So, we move to the next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.22 a.m.

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