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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.48 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SESSION DELAY

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to take this opportunity to state that we began our session a bit late. We had some technical problems which took a bit of time to resolve, but we thank God that we are now in session. Thank you.

PAPER LAID

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA BUDGET ESTIMATES REPORT FOR 2026/2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was looking at this document and saw that there is a typing error. I think the Clerk should amend this paper before I lay it because it says that the Chairperson is Hon. Mwaniki. This is a budget document that will go out to the public. So, before I lay the paper, I would like this page to be rectified. Thank you.

(Typing error in document rectified by table clerks)

Speaker: Order Members! Hon. Stephen, are you able to proceed now?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I have a paper to lay, that is;

Report of budget estimates of recurrent and development expenditure for the County Government of Laikipia for the financial year 2026/2027 laid on the table on 12th May, 2026.

This will be the last budget to be implemented by this government, thank you.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA BUDGET ESTIMATES REPORT FOR 2026/2027

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

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing order no 207(6), this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Government of Laikipia tabled in the Assembly on 12th May 2026.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

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

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Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the committee, I want to take this opportunity to present the budget for the next financial year (FY), 2026/2027, and I am doing so on behalf of the Budget Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker, the members of the committee are as follows:

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

Chairpersons Foreword

On behalf of the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee as mandated by the Laikipia county assembly standing orders No. 186 (3) and the Public Finance Management Act section 131 (2). It is my pleasure to present to this house the committee's report on the estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the FY 2026-2027 for the Laikipia County Executive and the Laikipia County Assembly.

The Laikipia County Budget Estimates for the FY 2026-2027 were submitted to Laikipia County Assembly by the County Executive on 30th April 2026. Hon. Speaker, the constitution requires that budget estimates be tabled on or before 30th April, and I want to confirm to this House that the Executive tabled this document before this House on 30th April, through the Office of the Clerk. Accordingly, the said County Budget Estimates were tabled in the House Pursuant to Standing Order No. 207(3) and the Speaker referred the budget estimates to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders N0. 207, the estimates were committed to each Sectoral committee without any question put.

Hon. Speaker, there was no question put because that is the procedure. I think all the Members are members of sectoral committees. Through the sectoral committees, every Member had a chance to peruse the budgets of those sectoral committees as they are. Each committee after reviewing the estimates submitted their recommendations to the Budget committee.

Hon. Speaker, I want to confirm to this House that the recommendations from the sectoral committees that we have, that is: Trade, Water, Health, Administration; they submitted their submissions on time and the Budget Committee deliberated on them. The sectoral committees submitted their recommendations through the various chairs of the respective sectoral committees within the specified period after the estimates were been laid before the House.

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The committee received submissions from the Sectoral committees, the County Executive through the CECMs and Chief Officers highlighting significant financial recommendations on the budgets of the various county departments and are captured in the final report being presented today. If these submissions are approved by the house, they will form the basis for the passage of the Appropriations Bill for the FY 2026-2027.

So, Hon. Speaker, if this House passes this report today, the Executive will start preparing the Appropriations Bill which will give mandate to the Executive arm of the government to implement this budget.

Summary of the Report

Mr. Speaker, allow me to summarize the content of this report. The County Treasury has proposed a total Budget of Kshs. 8,724,742,663 (Kshs. 7,798,325,916.00 as County appropriation and Kshs. 926,416,747.00 as conditional grants). This is an increase of 12 % from the 2025-2026 Budget Estimates.

The county proposed Development expenditures for the fiscal year 2026/2027 is Kshs. 3,182,740,789.00 (Kshs. 2,399,850,000.00 as County appropriation and Kshs. 782,890,789.00 as conditional grants) representing 36.5% of the total county expenditure.

The County proposed Recurrent expenditure for this fiscal year 2026/2027 is Kshs. 5,542,001,874 (Kshs. 5,398,475,916 as County appropriation and Kshs. 143,525,958 as conditional grants) representing 63.85% of total County expenditure. In terms of expenditure analysis.

In development budget, Health department takes the lion's share of 28% of the development budget. The huge investment is for purchases of medical supplies for the hospitals as well as the FIF funds collected in the hospitals and utilized within the facilities. This is closely followed by infrastructure department with 20% allocation. This department plays a key role in ensuring connectivity and transport of goods and services within the county.

Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is good to note that the lion's share of the budget went to the Health Department, which took a total of 28%. That is a lot of money being pumped into the Health Department, which will help it to run smoothly. We are expecting that the department will have enough medicines and will take care of our citizens. So, we are expecting zero complaints about this department from members of the public because this Assembly has allocated them 28% of the budget, and that is a plus for the department. The Hon. Members should also be keen on implementation of the allocated share.

Hon. Speaker, the committee has a new Chair, Hon. Karuiru. On behalf of this House, I urge him to lead the committee and make sure that these funds are utilized in the right way because we do not need these funds to be diverted elsewhere. It is specifically for the Health Department, considering that the hospitals in this county ought to be in good condition.

Hon. Speaker, the Health Department also takes another lion's share, which is 20%. So, we are expecting the department to take care of our roads. We need good roads, culverts and drainage because now the department has money to work on these things.

The County department of Administration, Public Service and Office of The Governor, which is also the Office of the Deputy Governor takes the highest proportion of the recurrent budget of 74%. Sometime back, I attended a meeting where the Deputy Governor was claiming that he does not have enough money. After this report, he should go to the public and tell them

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that he has enough money to run his office as well as the entire Executive government. 74% of the recurrent budget is a lot of money.

Therefore, we do not want to hear those cries and noises coming from some quarters, claiming they do not have enough money. Through the wisdom of this House and the committee, we have allocated 74% to those offices. The department takes care of the entire Personnel Emoluments for the County Government staff. Total wages and salaries currently stand at over Kshs. 4.078B.

Hon. Speaker, Kshs.4 billion is a huge amount, so our staff will be taken care of. Members heard of someone claiming through social media that he had not been paid some money he had worked for. We as the committee have allocated enough money, so it is high time for the Executive to move with speed and ensure that all staff are well paid because we have given them more than Kshs.4 billion to take care of the staff.

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly receives the second highest recurrent allocation of Kshs. 600M, representing 11% of the entire recurrent budget allocation. All the other county departments share the remaining 16% of the recurrent budget. The Assembly now has enough money, so the staff will be well paid. They will also be promoted because we have additional money for the County Assembly.

Let this money be utilized where it is supposed to be utilized. Let the money which is supposed to be used for Members be used for Members. The money that is supposed to be used for staff should go directly to staff. The staff have also been given an additional Kshs.8 million, so this is a good thing. The staff of this Assembly should be motivated so that they can work with a smile on their faces.

Hon. Speaker, we also like the staff to be given mortgage. The money is available, so the staff should enjoy their right to have mortgage. They should also be promoted and given their per diems on time because they are our parents, sisters and brothers, and they should be considered as human beings and as people who work in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, there are a number of changes as recommended by various stakeholders during the review of the budget and includes but not limited to the following;

1. Under the County Administration, the recurrent expenditure has been reduced by Kshs. 20M while the development expenditure has been reduced as well by Kshs. 8M, making a net reduction of Kshs. 28M.

2. The department of Finance and Economic Planning has no changes.

3. In the Health Department, the recurrent expenditure has been reduced by Kshs. 7M while the development expenditure has been reduced by Kshs. 7M, making a net reduction of Kshs. 14M

4. Under the department of Agriculture, the recurrent expenditure has been increased by Kshs. 5.75M while the development expenditure has been reduced as well by Kshs. 9.9M, making a net reduction of Kshs. 4.15M. *(Note that most of the wards moved the funds to others projects – 1.2M for desilting of dams).*

5. The department of infrastructure has the recurrent expenditure reduced by Kshs. 27M while the development expenditure increased by Kshs. 13.4M totaling to a net reduction of Kshs. 13.6M. Note that there was allocation of extra Kshs.22M for each ward for road network CARA increment. In this department, when the CARA was released, we

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had an increase of Kshs.119M whereby Kshs.55M went to the County Assembly and the remaining Kshs.2M went to every ward.

6. Under the department of Education and Library Services, Gender and Social Services, the recurrent expenditure has increased by Kshs. 12M while the development expenditure has also increased by Kshs. 50M. This is necessitated by the many requests of ECDE classrooms construction requested made by the citizens. The total increase of classrooms requested moved from Kshs. 25M to Kshs. 60M. Gender and Social Services development expenditure increased by 3.2 M. The net increment in the department is Kshs. 65M.
7. In the department of Trade and Cooperative, the development expenditure increased by Kshs. 12.6M while the recurrent expenditure remained the same.
8. The department of Water has the recurrent expenditure increased by Kshs. 2.7M while the development expenditure increased by Kshs. 15M with a net increment of Kshs. 12M to the main contributor, 12M to the rehabilitation of CARA.
9. Nanyuki Municipality got a recurrent expenditure increment of Kshs. 12M
10. Rumuruti Municipality got a recurrent expenditure increment of Kshs. 5M while,
11. Nyahururu Municipality got no increment.
12. The county Assembly have additional amount of Kshs. 55, 630,878 necessitated by CARA 2026.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members can comb through the entire report for them to understand the changes and recommendations made by the committee. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, it is also important for Members to appreciate other projects that have been proposed by the Executive to be implemented in the respective wards. Mr. Speaker, this is just a summary of what is contained in the report, and urge Members to read through the entire report.

Mr. Speaker, attached at the end of this report are the various projects per department selected by Hon. Members in their respective wards. I urge Members to go through the annex *(Proposed projects per ward)* and see if all the projects they recommended are contained in this report and liaise with the secretariat if they are corrections to be done.

Hon. Members, if you go to the last page, you will find the attached document and go through the page so that if you may have any changes you want made, you can liaise with our secretariat. Mr. Speaker, let me appreciate the work done by the Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee for the unfailing efforts they have accorded me and the entire team. These Members are Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, Hon. Paul Leshuel, Hon. Eunice Salaten, Hon. Benson Mwangi, Hon. Irene Wachuka and Hon. John Gichuki.

I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their valuable time and commitment they exhibited during the entire period of preparing this report. When we needed them, they were present and I think that this is the most active committee in this Assembly. They are ever present attending meetings without failure. If they are far from their homes, they will make sure that they come in time. So, I want to commend them for their tie and the wisdom they have put to ensure that this report is in the Assembly.

These Members burnt the midnight oil to make sure that this report is well presented to this House in time. Therefore, it is by their efforts that we have this budget. They have also

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given me an easy time in our meetings because they are orderly Members. Should there be any present to be given, it should be given to this committee. I can attest that they are the best.

Acknowledgement

The Budget and Appropriation Committee is grateful to the sectorial committee for their values oversight report over the department in the inclusion of the budget estimates. Their valuable efforts to ensure that the residents of this expansive county enjoy the services from the County Government as well as the value for their money.

Lastly, the committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker of this County Assembly. As the Chair, I want also to thank your office because you have been giving us enough time to go out and deliberate on this report. It is by your effort also that we have this report. You are a good man, a man of people and always present when we needed you. I pray to God that you may continue being a faithful and truth man as Gachagua has been.

I wish to thank the Office of the Clerk, the sectorial committee as well as the secretariat for their valuable support to the Members of this County assembly as they discharged this mandate. I specially want to thank the clerks of the Budget Committee. They really burned their midnight oil and even today they woke up by 4.00 a.m. preparing the final touches of this report. I want to thank them for the good work and the love they have shown to the committee while working in this committee. I can attest in this House that that all Members were served equally without any discrimination or favours. So, I want to commend Mr. Kitur and Mr. Muraguri who is the budget officer and very useful.

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 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 for the Financial Year 2026-2027 and recommend it to this House for adoption.

Hon. Speaker, this is the report that we have presented and the Members have it in their gadgets as well as the hard copies. When I was reading the report, we were all together. So, I want to thank them and urge them to ensure that whatever is in this budget is well utilized at the right time and at the right place. So, I want to take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Mwaniki who is also my neighbour in my ward and in the sitting arrangement of this Assembly to second the report. I would like to take this opportunity to urge the Tigithi residents to elect him again so that we can change the Tigithi Ward to be the best ward after Thingithu.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me the chance to second this motion. As the Chair has said, this is the last budget that we are going to expedite here in this Assembly. Being our last budget, the Members are honoured to comb through the budget so that they can be able to understand it because this is where the rubber bites the dust in matters of Members who are elected. If at all we don't implement this budget accordingly across our wards, mostly it will be determinant whether Members will come back or not in this Assembly.

Having a team that will be able to implement this budget, which is the Executive, we are honoured as an Assembly to pass this budget so that we can be able to have funds in the next finance year to be able to implement all the projects that have been passed in this budget, so that we can be able to implement lots of projects that will enhance these Members to have a comeback in this Assembly.

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Mr. Speaker, this budget is derived from the equitable share from the National Government. There are also the conditional grants and donor grants that are within this budget and there is also our own source revenue (OSR), which is contained still in this budget.

As I can see the revenue targets, our own source revenue; we have pushed it from Kshs.1.351 to 1.5 billion, so we can have more funds to implement more projects. So, this means that the department that cuts across within Laikipia County, they have to do more work so that they can collect more revenue. So, having to collect more revenue within our county means that we have to offer better services to our residents so they can be able to pay or remit funds to the government and so, as having targets set, is the first step within budget process making.

Without targets, we cannot be able to have or to collect funds across the departments on matters of OSR. Having the grants being availed from our donor, will still push the development agenda within this county. So, it's a matter of this Assembly to push each and every Member of this Assembly to do oversight on matters of projects that cuts across all the 15 wards. So, it's our duty as an Assembly to make sure this budget is implemented to the letter. If at all the Executive doesn't comply with this budget, we are liable to summon them to the Assembly as we have done to some few members of the Executive this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, summoning is part of this Assembly so that we can be able to implement a budget within this county. So, it is time this Assembly and I'm calling upon all the Members of the Assembly to adopt this budget as it is so that we can be able to move forward as a county and as an Assembly on matters of developing and serving our people right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I now want to open the floor for Members to be able to contribute and also take into consideration of time. We have less than one hour according to our Standing Orders to end the session this morning. Therefore, I want to give the first shot to the Honourable Anthony Theuri.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Thank you again for reminding us the essence of time and I understand that we have a lot to do today. I understand that we have some Executive representative here from departments.

Hon. Speaker, let me start by congratulating the same Committee on Budget and also on adding the same today, it was very special. I never knew that we had a suitcase here similar to that one of the National Government. I don't take things for granted and I know that the Hon. Chair for the Finance is going far, maybe it is just that he's preparing himself in future to go to the National Government and he is well capable of doing so and I also wish him well.

As I support, I have only two observations that I have made and I want to take it positively. I don't understand why a budget of Kshs.9 billion can be compressed in only these pages. I don't know what they intended for us to see because everyone that touches this paper will rush to his ward or her ward.

We want the entire budget of it because I'm reminded that during the public participation and talking to our people, you know we represent the people, we had promised them that in the education sector we are going to add from Kshs.75 million to 100 million. This is a do or die budget for us, a do or die explanation. Why did we tell our people that we are going to add Kshs.25 million extra and it is not here?

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The other aspect Mr. Speaker, it is very important because now the world has become a global village. Whatever is here or we are doing here it is already outside. We said that we are going to add Kshs.25 million and we didn't add. Also, on the same, reading the budget is not a problem because it's just an expectation. I have just seen something that has been relayed to our WhatsApp, the IEBC has said that by March 9th, the party nomination should be done and Names submitted.

I need to be protected because Hon. Gatati is engaging the Chair of Budget and I don't know what they are saying and I know as much as we are in a hurry, he is going to get his time. I have told you and I think you are the one who has released the same, the IEBC has said by March 9th the nomination should be done through and by 7th February, all those who are interested in seats and 90% of our Executives should have resigned.

My question is this, Mr. Speaker, you should protect me. Now it seems that we are in a pub because we have no order here. Everyone is complaining and I don't know what they're saying; I know you are going to give them time. Can I be listened to in silence as the Standing Orders dictates? I should be heard in silence.

Speaker: Members have heard of that, you may proceed Hon. Member.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Yes, I should be heard in silence or you should go out and wait for us there. I'm very serious about this, Mr. Speaker. I'm trying to raise a very serious issue here on timeline. I've said the key of the success of this budget lies squarely and I know *Mama Yao* is going to agree with me on with this, with Executive.

I have told you that by 9th February, everyone who is interested in seats should have resigned. So, by January, and you know 90% of our Executives, they are seeking elective post, Mr. Speaker. Now, do you see the dilemma we are in? Who is going to implement this budget, Mr. Speaker?

Secondly, at what rate are we going to implement it, Mr. Speaker? It can just remain on paper. It will cost some, if not most and I know God is going to save me because he knows my heart and the intentions I have for my people. I know all my comrades here and I we are going to pass this budget in the record time, but now the task will remain on implementation. I urge this House as we do the same, we must pressure the Executive and people must resign as early as today, Mr. Speaker.

As I'm speaking here, I have been going out and about, Mr. Speaker. I have more than four to six hundred thousand shillings that lies on the education sector. The checks have not been released and we don't know when they are going to come, simply because the CO is 90% of his time is campaigning. Now he is costing the people. They are at home. That is one. Others are looking for MP positions, West and where, Mr. Speaker.

Now that's my parting shot and we must think about it. Otherwise, it might remain a pipe dream. I rest my case and I urge my comrades here, let us pass this budget but passing is not enough. We must work on a formula on how it's going to be implemented. All the projects here must be done by December. I rest.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and I want to take this opportunity to contribute on the motion that is in front of us. Hon. Speaker, I want to appreciate the work that has been done by the committee. I have quite a number of questions that I really need to be answered. I don't know whether the committee…

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Speaker: Order Hon. Members! Let us give the Hon. Member a chance. Proceed Hon. Member.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I think we need to concentrate a bit. I was saying, as much as the committee has taken the interest of the Members in terms of infrastructure, in terms of water, in terms of education, a bit of it, they have forgotten the bigger chunk of the percentage of the budget.

Mr. Speaker, just as what the Hon. Deputy Speaker said, we are heading to a very tough road ahead of us, and when you give an Executive a block budget that has not been itemised and especially for health, then tomorrow we will say we don't have drugs and you cannot oversight anything on this budget. When you give an Executive a block for finance and economic budget item of a tune of more than what they should have been getting, this raises a lot of questions. Education, TVETs, I can only see they have fully taken the interest of the Salt Lake TVET here, but they have not indicated the rest of the other TVETs and the SEDEC.

The bursary is also not very well indicated. I was also expecting that at least before we pass this thing, we have gotten the last budget on FLLOCA. The Chair should concentrate what we are saying here because I think you are concentrating on other things rather than listening to what we are saying. So, I don't know whether you want us to start opposing this thing or you want us to correct you so that we are in the same page.

I think you need to concentrate on what we are saying because Hon. Speaker, there are a lot of jokes here and I think you need to know. When you also give municipalities a budget of Kshs.10 million and you have not itemised, this brings a lot of issues to the municipality especially the municipality that we are always here, that we live in. When you also talk about that we have given the Executive a recurrent of 74% of the budget and you have not itemised it, it raises quite a lot of questions.

I don't know whether the Chairperson has gone to bed with the Executive when he was making this budget or what. I think you need to clarify to us the purpose of the amount that is given to the Health Department. We need also to see the itemised one, we need to see the finance and economic itemised budget.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, what is it Honourable Gitahi?

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I want to be informed because Hon. Lempaira is referring to the budget like it's a document produced by the Chair. I'm now confused, I don't know whether it's a Budget Committee report or it's a chairperson's report. Now he is saying the Chair has gone to bed with the Executive. Bed; I don't know what language he is using here, that is even very un-parliamentary. So, he needs to clarify whether we are reading a Budget Committee report or a chairperson's report.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, sometimes I don't need to respond to some things because somebody need to use their minds here. The person who presented the report here is not all the committee Members who stood and represented.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, those insinuations are not good in Parliament. Every Member is substantively elected here because of their brains and accepted by the public. So, use decorum and respectful language. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, as per my understanding or my little understanding, every committee is represented by the Chairperson and the questions we have

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we direct to the Chairpersons so that they can know how to answer with their committee Members. The bigger elephant here in the House so that we don't divert from the bigger issue, is that we need to see the breakdown of every department. So that at least we can do an oversight on this budget. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. I rise to first support the adoption of the budget report, by the Members in this House. Having said that, there has been a lot of changes. I have never sat in the back, Hon. Speaker.

A lot of my issues have evaporated; I'm used to sit in a different position but all the same altogether. Hon. Speaker, allow me because it is within your prerogative, that I start with an anecdote, to set the basis of my recommendations. In 2025, the County Government paid for us to go to the devolution conference in Homa Bay. During the keynote speaking of the former Prime Minister, the late Raila Odinga, that was the second time for me to see the former Prime Minister, again, Hon. Speaker.

One of the things that he raised, were the issues of the matters of devolution. People who have suffered so that we have a say in the counties and the whole discussion is extrapolated to the local level so that villages can have say.

It is on that backdrop that we sit here. It is a D-day Hon. Speaker. It's such an important day. Where I come from in my culture, it is today that we are selling the bread, in the sense of literature, we might say in West Africa we are now giving the executive the knife, the arm and the knife so that these issues can be settled.

I want to go directly to the issues that are touching the Githiga Ward. Because I have seen the tabulation per ward, there is a road that comes from Kwa Nyoro, to Kariaini Primary School; we have a road that comes from Murugi Place to a place called Mihehu. In English, Mihehu is whispers. Then we also have a road that comes from Saint Lucia all along to Njorua. These are a few of the roads that we have identified. We have another one from Boma to Mr. Munyaga, all the way to Ndindika Secondary School.

Hon. Speaker, additionally, we have also set aside money in the infrastructure department, for lease. It is such important milestones. For this year, the people of Githiga we will be constructing Njorua ECDE and we hope that the children of that place will be able to enjoy the facility as they start learning.

However, as I speak these issues, I'm also disturbed by issues that have been mentioned prior. If you look at this budget and I don't want to lay blame on the Chair or anybody because this is a hot battle but what we want to state, it is very unfortunate that such a huge chunk of the budget that goes to the health is not itemised. Hon. Speaker, so that these Members are not able to go to their places and tell their electorates, this is the much we have given on health and this is what will be done at what stage.

Hon. Speaker, I know you are pastoralist and I have heard that the cow that is not named you cannot account for. If you don't know the existence of a certain cow you cannot account for it Hon. Speaker and these are the issues that Members have a problem with.

If I go to a place called Kisima because I'll be going there end of this week, how will I tell these electorates? How much have I set aside for health and where will it be used? We come from wards sometimes where questions are asked instantly. We have to have answers for all these questions that we don't mess.

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Hon. Speaker, I also want to state that there are issues that could intervene in this budget and we want to pray like we have started the session, that we do not have unpredictable climate because these are issues that could affect the implementation of this budget.

Going forward, I also want to shift my focus on the implementing bodies. As Hon. Theuri is saying, today we are passing the budget for 2026/2027, and yet the ECDE that I had put in the last budget, nothing has been done. Today it is very difficult to deal with parents whose cheques have not been disbursed, Hon. Speaker.

It is very difficult for us in the wards especially we who reside in the wards that we represent because you have to account, why are these cheques not taken to the institutions and so on? As I end, you see I have sat with the Deputy Speaker and he has taught me a few verses of the Bible and there is one for whom much has been given, much is expected. We are giving the Executive the legal power to spend Kshs.8.7 billion. That is not pocket change. That is not money that can fit in my pocket.

So, we also expect that they match the same with services, with projects and timeliness is the name of the game. If you listen to other jurisdictions, the thing that sets us apart from other Members of County Assembly or from other County Governments is timeliness. One Chief Officer told me lately and I had gone there to present as the jury from Githiga. I had gone there to present my own issues and he told me that when I will be implementing this project, he will be in the campaigns. I did not speak to that person again. Because timeliness is very much important and why single out the issues of campaigning?

Like one Member has said, we also have to call these Executive to order Hon. Speaker. Let me give you an example as I part, this is a very important day add me just 30 seconds. You see, in the 2024/2025, we had passed a budget for a modern slaughterhouse called Ambacho, something like that. To date, it is not complete. Now the circus comes here, because when we had a meeting with the livestock stakeholders in Kinamba, I simply laughed it off. This is because the person I am told to go and ask questions of the implementation of that slaughterhouse is eyeing the same seat that I am sitting on, Hon. Speaker.

These are the issues that we have to correct because we are left with these Members who have no room for oversight because all this budget that we are passing here is going to batter these MCAs like nonsense on the ground. Because how can you explain that out of all the people vying for all these seats, conspicuously, the people from Laikipia County Government have their vehicles, fuelled, have oiled pocket and the public is saying it that it is only aspirants from Laikipia County Government that have this money to bribe voters.

Hon. Speaker, we are wondering whether it is the same money that we are passing. Having said that on the interest of time, I would wish to end there but it is important that we take note of these issues. I am told that in politics and in government that all is fair in war as in love. I am saying even if all is fair, let us have a little conscience so that we work for our people. They put us in these positions not out of coercion but out of persuasion. Thank you, I support the adoption of this report having put my recommendation.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member for your contribution. Hon. Members, I want to bring to your attention Standing Order Number 31, that stipulates that our session in the morning ends at 12.30 and if we need to have an extension of that time, we have to consider it 30 minutes before lapse of time. If you look at our Standing Order, we are on motion Number 8, pending Number 9 and Number 10. Definitely, we will go past the time, so we need to make a determination right away. Thank you. In pursuant to our Standing Orders, I invite the Majority Leader to give direction.

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MOTION

EXTENSION OF SITTING HOURS

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

THAT In pursuant to Standing Order 31(3A) and 31(4), I beg to move that the County Assembly resolves to extend its sitting until the conclusion of business listed in today's Order Paper.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to call upon Honourable Anthony Theuri, being our Deputy Speaker, to second this.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to support the same Mr. Speaker. By the look of things, I can see all Hon. Members want to make a contribution and as they usually say, desperate times call for desperate measures. So, we need to extend the same. They need to exhaust themselves; they need to express themselves and also, they need to feel comfortable. They don't need to be limited by the Standing Orders because we know the law was made by men but not law for men. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Time extended until the end of the business that we have this morning and therefore I would like to give Members more time to be able to debate on this. In this regard, I want to give the chance to Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to make my contribution. One in support of the document that has been brought before us by the committee budget through the Chair. I will be very brief so as to save time because there are other businesses pending and we are awaited to act on them. Having said that, I'm so much impressed by the budget of development and especially that part of six hundred and thirty-three million whereby it is well itemised for every ward.

It is really impressing. We may not have touched every department. Some may say that we don't have money for this, money for this but the little we have, the six hundred and thirty-three million have been well itemised to different wards and I'm sure that every ward has its chair equally distributed.

So, whoever will go through this budget, wherever that person comes from he/she will be so much impressed to see that there is a well itemised budget for every ward. The only concern that in future the committee should consider is that of working hard to at least itemise the administration budget and finance budget. But the other budget is well tabulated and everyone can understand.

So, on that one, when we give a block budget and especially to health, it becomes tricky for the House even to do a proper oversight because you have nothing to oversight on and because you don't know what is expected to be done. Especially this year when we see the Executive is all out for campaigns. We might find that when we open the budget as it is, the person in charge may misuse the same funds for his own gain. Because when you have a block budget for health, the Chief Officer may wake up and say that, tomorrow I'm constructing a hospital in such and such a place depending on the people he is interested in.

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So, Hon. Speaker, this being almost the final budget, it is not the final budget, we have another budget in June, we'll still be here in June. Being second to the last, Honourable Speaker, it is very important to know that this budget can be misused by some people from Executive. When it is left open, it might be used as campaign tool for them but that percentage, I've said of Kshs. 6.3 million, no one will use it for that gain but the one that is left in block can be misused.

You can see that in all departments, every department in this county has an aspirant. That's what I've come to realise. Every department. Even the departments that we have never seen aspirant, we now have aspirants.

Administration we have aspirants, finance we have aspirants, health we have aspirants, all departments have aspirants even in agriculture. So, it is very sad and if we are not careful about our budget, we need to put governors on those budgets because our people might misuse the same budget.

We have experienced that if a chief officer comes from Laikipia North, he/she gets every finance related for the whole of Laikipia North and puts it in especially in his or her village and then we find ourselves in more problems.

So, Hon. Speaker, on that one, the committee needs to work on those blocks. But on the other budget, we are very, very much impressed by the way it is stated. Now the concern I'm expecting all Members to be concerned about, is not now even about this because this now is here and I'm sure we are going to approve it. The concern is, how do we work together to fight these people to start implementing this budget in the month of August latest and if they go late, they implement from the month of September. So that by December, we need to go for our celebrations, we need to go for our holidays when we have already implemented the budget.

The little that has not been implemented should be ongoing because on January. We are not supposed to have these things here. The biggest responsibility as a House we have is to start pushing the Executive that immediately the budget starts we can utilize the budget then between now, the month of July and the month of August, all BQs should be ready.

Everything should be set ready so that in the month of September, we may work for the success of this county and even for our own success. Hon. Speaker, you know some people fear saying that because this budget will determine a lot.

So, I am pleading with Hon. Members, those who know that it will determine. Let us wake up and fight. Let us muster whatever strength we use whether it is arrogance, whether it is fight, whatever it is, for this budget to start being implemented latest in the month of September will be the best thing for us. Hon. Speaker, the other budget that I am mentioning that is coming which is the last one, we will approve it but many will not see it.

This is why Members are saying that there is the final budget because there is the budget we can see and work on. Hon. Speaker, the other one is just history; only God knows who will be able to implement the other one. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I call upon Members when you are called upon to fight anyone, stop saying that this person comes from our village, this person is my tribesman or this person is for my religion. Let us push them with the strongest strength to make sure that they implement this budget.

That will be the best for us. So, Hon. Speaker, I support and hope the Members will work hard to make sure these people implement this budget. Thank you.

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Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to join other Members in support of the good report given by the Budget Committee. Hon. Speaker there is also another team that has been forgotten. Since there was a Service Board Team that went to Senate together with the Budget Committee to request to be given more increment in their allocation. Since the money was given, I want to from the deepest part of my heart to say congratulations. It means now we have the right people in the Service Board.

I wish we had the same people from the onset of these five years. Some of the cries we are having, we could not be having. So, thank you very much because if someone does something good, it is good to say thank you. So, for the Service Board, today I will give you some brown envelopes outside the Assembly for the work well done. Hon. Speaker, it is also good to say that the Budget Committee led by the Chairperson are doing a good job.

When you talk about budget, it is what brought us here. What we promised in our villages, in our churches and in our schools is supported by the budget. Hon. Speaker, since I was elected in Salama Ward, it is good to mention that I am happy to see that this year I will be now be completing all my ECDs in the whole of Salama Ward. This year I will construct three classrooms at Kirima Pesi, Marura and Salama primary School. Those are the only three schools that were remaining without good ECD classrooms.

I also see that I will also do some general renovations of Pesi Dispensary to create the clinical officers and lab services and this is very important to Pesi people because I want to upgrade the dispensary to a health centre. I will be equipping and solarization of Ngano-ini Primary School. This is where Hon. Ndiritu was born and he can attest to me that there is no water there.

I am very happy to see that this budget will be equipping and solarization of Ngano-ini Primary Borehole. I can see in Thome through the Department of Agriculture, we shall do rehabilitation of Thome river canal which is very important. This is where tomato farming originated in Laikipia County called Thome near Marura. We share the same place with Hon. Lekopien. I can see very many roads that will be done.

Hon. Speaker, I don't want to say that I am under pressure because seasons and times are given by God and the same God who brought us here will bring us back again. Whether we shall implement or not implement we shall be brought here. When I was campaigning, I had not implemented anything but I promised things and I was elected. So, the same God who brought me here, I can see the 15 of us will come back here. I can see the Speaker becoming the Member of Laikipia North. That one I am very sure will happen if we just do our work.

I am very optimistic with life. I don't pressure things that I cannot control. Even if I am not elected as Salama Ward MCA. I was not born an MCA. Maybe God will open another better opportunity. Maybe I will be named the PS to replace Hon. Mariru, the PS of Defence. Why should we limit ourselves that it is a must I be elected as an MCA? God can give us even more and even bigger doors.

So, I want to encourage our Members not to just limit ourselves to the MCA position. Hon. Speaker, it is also good that this House, the people who are seated here that the next election 2027 we produce like four Members who go to the National Assembly. That is called progress let us not just dream of coming back here. Let us be happy when we hear the Speaker will be the next Member of Parliament in Laikipia North. Let us be happy to hear that Hon. Nyokabi will be the women rep of Laikipia County 2027.

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I think good things will happen but good things happen to those people who believe in the future and who believe in their dreams. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Now members allow me now to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the House for their wisdom on the deliberation of this report. Hon. Speaker, it is true what we have brought here is the budget of 2026/2027 which will be fully implemented under our watch. Therefore Hon. Speaker, I will request all the Members from their respective wards to watch and make sure that whatever it is in this document, it is well implemented.

Another thing that I would like to comment here that was said by Members is that we are giving the block figure to the Department of Executive which is the Health Department. Hon. Speaker, I want to remind the Members and especially the two Members Hon. Mugweru and Hon. Lempaira who said that we passed a block figure that we brought with the estimates and the estimates that were brought here in the Assembly were itemized. What we are doing in this report, is just a summary of what we have changed on what we have.

Hon. Speaker, what will be implemented is the itemized budget every person has that itemized budget. If you go to health, you will find the amount and the specific vote for that department. If you go to the Department of Administration, you will find how they will utilize that amount. You will see that the four billion, will go to the salaries. There is also Kshs.50 million which will go to the office of the Governor etc. In the Department of Finance, all the money that is given under that department is well indicated where every single shilling will be spent on which vote Hon. Speaker.

So, I will request the Hon. Members of this House to approve this budget so that we can have ample time of making the appropriation bill and reminding them that we are proceeding to recess. Hon. Speaker, before we proceed to recess, I will request Members to agree with the motion that will be brought here by the Majority Leader to cut short our recess and come back here for the for the appropriation bill. Hon. Speaker, the appropriation bill will be here by next week.

So, I am requesting them to pass this budget and also come by next week, so that we can pass the appropriation bill and give the Executive the cheque to spend this amount. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish Hon. Members of this all the best this house. I request them that whatever we have done we have done it with good faith. I am also requesting the friend of court at this time no not to take us to the court so that we can implement this budget in time. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank You, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to move this motion. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT pursuant provision of Standing Order Number 29(4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar as adopted on 24th February, 2026 so I have to have a short recess break from Wednesday 24th June, 2026 from 2.30 p.m. to Tuesday 30th June, 2026 and to resume on Wednesday 1st July, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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Hon. Speaker the alteration is due to the Budget Appropriation Bill because we need to have ample time to pass this bill. Mr. Speaker, as we pass the budget today, we have an appropriation bill that is pending. If at all we go on recess because we were supposed to go for recess today, we will have no time to pass the appropriation bill. That is why we are calling upon the Members to have an extension of this Assembly to next week so we can have time to pass the appropriation bill. So, I call upon Hon. George Karuiru to second this.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to open the floor and I will give the first shot to Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I start to support the motion with a bit of concerns. For those of us who travel from far; myself, Hon. Karuiru and Hon. Lekopein being here at 2.30 and traveling all the way during the day can cause resistance. Maybe we will start with activities on the ground. Proceeding to this place at 2.30, it would have been better if it was 10.00 a.m. as we do 2.30 p.m. is a challenge for us who travel from far. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu, I want therefore to give back to the mover of the motion to reply. Oh! Hold on Hon. Mwaniki. Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I stand in support of this procedural motion to extend the House until Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Speaker, one we are expecting the Appropriation Bill to be ready. What the Majority Leader has done is timing because we might come here in the morning and find that the document is not ready. That is why we are giving it time so that when we come here at 2.30 everything will be ready. We will just get in the Assembly and approve the appropriation bill which will take us as less than 30 to 40 minutes to pass the document.

So, I am requesting Hon. Members who come from far as from Olmoran, Marmanet and also Sosian to travel from morning. They take breakfast from their home and bid goodbye to their wives and their children then proceed to be here at 2.30 p.m. That will be an appropriate time for them to be here at 2.30. Hon. Speaker, you know the economy is hard and we don't have that money to spend on road. So, take breakfast at your home and come direct to the Assembly. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We are doing that to save money. Thank you

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Now Members, allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I thank the Members for their contribution although Hon. Stephen has made fun of this issue. It is not funny anymore Mr. Speaker because this is a very important bill and if we don't pass in this Assembly, we won't be able to spend the budget. I do call upon all the Members to be able to avail themselves on that particular afternoon so that we can be able to have a functional budget that can be able to serve the Laikipians for the next financial year. Mr. Speaker, I thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

RECESS

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

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THAT pursuant on to provisions of Standing Order 29 (3) this Assembly do adjourn until Wednesday 1st July, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

I do call upon Hon. Veronica to second this.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: I support.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you once again Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I want to support the motion for adjourning the House to Wednesday. I think this is ample time. This will compensate the time of Wednesday for those people like Hon. Kanyutu who is a senior citizen. I don't know whether he is receiving the…

Speaker: What is it Hon. Kanyutu? Hold on Hon. Stephen for a minute. I have given the chance to Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker I need a point of clarification from the Hon. Member because a senior citizen is somebody who is over seventy years. I need that clarification because I am not sure whether he knows my age. Calling me a senior citizen whereas I am feeling very youthful. Mr. Speaker, it is because there is where I can jump at this moment. He is saying I am a senior citizen as if I have started using another leg. Mr. Speaker, I cannot entertain that not unless he withdraws that term.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, respond to the Member as you make your conclusion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Okay thank you Hon. Speaker. It is true, I have said that he is a senior citizen but I said it by looking at him physically. I found that some of his hairs have gone. Those senior citizens do not have hair here. Therefore, if he is not a senior citizen, I withdraw and apologize for calling him a senior. Thank you, Hon. speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Members, thank you very much. Allow me to invite Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity as a mover. Hon. Speaker, I thank the Members for their robust contribution on this. It is time to adjourn and move to the next business of the day because we have a lot of businesses that is still pending this House. I will call upon all the Members to be present for the next session because this matter touches on them to be re-elected in this Assembly.

We have summoned some parts of the Executive on matters of infrastructures. Having Members on board, they will be able to question or know the status of whatever they budgeted for in this financial year budget on matters of machineries being availed. I call upon all the Members, the elected and the nominated to be present. I thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you Members.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Order Number 29(3) as I read;

'On a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to another day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours and after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put.'

Thank you, Hon. Members. Now we move to the next order.

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ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Wednesday 1st July, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.37 p.m.

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