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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

ACTING CAPACITY OF CHIEF OFFICERS AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I am standing to enquire on a statement. Before we went for recess, I had raised two statements. One, concerning the acting capacity of one CO for Health and the other one for CO Agriculture. It is very important that we get the feedback because it is not the first time that the said statement especially for the CO of Agriculture, one Elizabeth that has been raised here. It is becoming a concern especially for service delivery to our people. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Theuri, I have just been notified that the response was scheduled for 25th June. So, we are not yet there but I believe that it will be there. Thank you.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF COPAD

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am responding to a statement that was requested by Hon. Lempaira on COPAD (Cooperation of Peace and Development Initiative).

The statement was raised on the floor of the House by Hon. Nicholas Lempaira on 30th April, 2024 and committed to the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on the same day.

Hon. Speaker, the committee wrote a letter to the CECM County Administration and Public Service on the same letter requesting for the response and the committee received the response on 9th May, 2024.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to read the statement that the Hon. Member had requested the committee; Pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee regarding the above-mentioned subject matter.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government Amaya Triangle Initiative was a result of the collective intentions of four counties and their governors to bring peace, stability and economic development to the four corners of Baringo, Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu Counties.

Mr. Speaker, the County Governments of Laikipia, Baringo, Isiolo and Samburu executed a memorandum of understanding on the cooperation for peace and development within the region a s a sign of willingness of both counties to take a common policy direction. The MOU was tabled in this Assembly on 7th, November, 2019 and subsequent to its ratification, the County Government was to prepare a comprehensive policy document and

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under proposed bill whereby the recommendations for the County Assembly would be accommodated.

A report was tabled and discussed by the Assembly on 10th, June, 2020 with the following observations; That there is need to bolster peace and development in the region. The initiative was to be of following benefits to Laikipia County.

1. The COPAD will develop commercial take off for livestock for the four counties.
2. The COPAD will also collaborate and coordinate efforts amongst the members counties to launch operationalize their respective county policy authorities for the effective coordination of security management in partnership with local stakeholders and National Government security agencies.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby request the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee to inform this Assembly on whether the County Government of Laikipia is still on course with the said initiative and how far they have come with the aforementioned observations.

Response from the CECM

On 30th April, 2024, the Hon. Member of County Assembly from Mukogodo West raised a question on the floor of the House on the current status on the COPAD popularly known as AMAYA Triangle Initiative.

Hon. Lempaira requested my office to inform this Hon. House whether the County Government of Laikipia is still on course with the COPAD initiative and how far the initiative has come in realizing its objectives.

Hon. Members, I wish to confirm that the COPAD Initiative remains alive and its thriving. The initiative has kicked off in various common projects across all four counties despite experiencing a few challenges in both staffing and funding.

Hon. Members, allow me to highlight the achievements of COPAD a s at the date of this statement as well as its ongoing projects before I proceed to the setbacks;

Achievements

- The COPAD five years strategic plan has been developed.
- Range lands rehabilitations and restorations.
- Renovations of hay pan at Naibung'a Central as well as the construction of short electric fence that is currently ongoing.
- Water dam construction at Kuri Kuri in Mukogodo East Ward.
- Participated in the local grazing framework in collaboration with the Laikipia Nature Conservancy
- Workshop trainings and peace meetings to create capacity building.
- People to people peace meetings and community peace meetings.
- In collaboration with NRTS, COPAD had conducted several meetings and created peace ambassadors.

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- They have participated and facilitated the recent peace caravans led by the Narok County Governor, Partrick Ole Ntutu, Kajiado Governor, John Ole Lenku and Samburu Governor Leti with several Members of Parliament from the Maa speaking communities from the County of Laikipia.
- They have done some policy formulation
- They are planning to do some activities

On staffing and funding, the COPAD organization is as follows;

- The governing council comprising of the four governors,
- The secretariat comprising of the CEO and three county directors
- The sector committee comprising of County Executive Committee Members of the strategic pillars.
- Peace coordinators and support staff.

Currently, COPAD only source of fund is from the Kenya Ranger Programme which is a consortium programme funded by the EU. The EU comprises of the; Northern Range Trust (NRT), the four COPAD counties, COPAD secretariat, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Wild Agroforestry for community safety initiative and Impact

Conclusion

Hon. Members, I believe that the statement above gives the current status of COPAD and has fully responded to Hon. Lempaira's query. If in need of any clarification, still the committee is there. So, I want to leave it at that. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, do you have a comment on the response?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Chairman for Cohesion for the response to the statement. It is funny to note that somewhere there are a number of herders. I am told here that it is 150 positions through a grazing plan. Mr. Speaker, we ask for these statements so that we can be able to know some of the challenges that these institutions formed within the County Government are going through so that if it is the issue of budgeting, we may be able to know how to address it.

I am meant to understand that its COPAD trying a bit doing some few projects within the community although we may not have a budgetary line in our budget for a few years. It is good that I had these Members because we are in the process. I don't know whether we are late or still in time but we tried to form a budget line purposely for this because peace is paramount and is like a basic need especially to the people of Laikipia North and some parts of Laikipia East and West where there are severe insecurity issues.

I respect the response from the committee, only that we want to urge them to urge the CECM to propose some of the issues they want included in the budgetary line. It is also an eye opener to the Members of the Finance Committee who just came from a meeting with the ranchers. These people are charging 450/- per cow, per month for grazing and yet they are not ready to pay 60/- per acre, per year.

Look at the logistics, why we are saying that these people should pay sixty per year? I also want to urge the Finance Committee; today we realized that we always get these finance bills at the tail end of the year. We want this 2024/2025 Finance Bill to come earlier so that in

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case we have any other issue, we argue and sort the issue out and change where necessary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Chairperson and Members of the Cohesion Committee.

Speaker: Thank you very much. I would rather that we proceed to the motion of the day.

MOTION

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT ON LAIKIPIA COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2024/2025

Speaker: Hon. Nicholas, the floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: The Chairman might has decided to beat the bush.

Speaker: As Hon. Nicholas comes in, you have something to say, Hon. Anthony?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Hon. Speaker, I do not have a problem with my chairman or anyone in this Assembly but I would like, if it is possible, and I know it is possible. We should have physical copies of whatever is going to be read. Not on these gadgets because we do not trust them. We would like that before the Hon. Chair of the Budget Committee reads anything, let us have it on our desks for clarity and because of our people.

Speaker: Noted. Do we have sufficient hard copies?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate because we do not even have the soft copies. There is nothing in the gadgets, so we are in the dark.

Speaker: We have our ICT Department to sort that out.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I think it is already in the system. I can see it.

Speaker: If it is in the system, let the Members be assisted to find it out. Kindly help the Members.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I want to insist on what the Deputy Speaker is saying. On matters of the Budget, we need to have physical copies, kindly, because this is a matter of life and death.

Speaker: Noted, Hon. Mugambi. I will ensure that you have them. Hon. Members, the material which we want to go through and already have on soft copy is being produced. Is it okay if we allow Hon. Nicholas to move the motion as we wait for the hard copies?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, out of experience, we are elected and paid by taxpayers' money, so we have no other business apart from representing them. We are speaking out of experience and I do not want to wash the dirty linen here. We did a supplementary budget sometime back and we know what happened. We had no money for buses and other things but because of what we are seeing here, when we went to the ground and promised people things that we were going to do for them, they were not there. When we enquired from the Finance Department, they told us that we did the supplementary budget here.

Mr. Speaker, this is a lot of paperwork, 22 pages, and we cannot store all of it in the head. I do not want to read any malice but even if we are going to adjourn this House for two hours or one hour, so be it. We need something physical and we know why. I feel very peaceful today and for the rest of the week, so let it be brought here. We have no other business.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Theuri. Your comments are well taken care of. Hon. Lempaira?

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with what the Deputy Speaker is saying but instead of adjourning, let the Chairperson read through while you give instructions that we get hard copies of this document. We should also make it a tradition that when we have serious business in the House, we should have both soft copies and hard copies. I think we have set aside enough money in our budget for printing and the rest yet we rarely even get printouts in our boxes. It is prudent that because of time, I urge the Members that we kindly allow the Chairperson to read some of the report and before he finishes, all of us will have the hard copies. I am also not good at reading these things on the gadget and I always request for hard copies from the clerk assistants here.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. Members, as production of the hard copies is ongoing, we will allow Hon. Mwaniki to take us through and before he finishes, every Member will have a hard copy. Is that okay, Members? Are you in agreement? Thank you. Let us proceed, Hon. Mwaniki.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move 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 and the County Assembly tabled in the Assembly on 7th May 2024.

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 committees' report on the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the Financial Year 2024-2025 for the Laikipia County executive and the Laikipia County Assembly.

The Laikipia County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024-2025 were submitted to Laikipia County Assembly by the County Executive on 30th April 2024 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 document to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 207, the estimates were committed to each sectoral committee without any question put. Each committee after reviewing the estimates is expected to submit their recommendations within a period of 21 days after the estimates have been laid before the Assembly.

The committee received submissions from the sectoral committees highlighting significant financial recommendations on the budgets of the various county departments. If approved by the house, the amendments will form the basis for the passage of the appropriations bill for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

Recommendations

Reallocation of funds

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends the following reallocations in line with the CFSP recommendations and committee observations;

Resource Envelope

Mr. Speaker, The Equitable share has been enhanced upon the adoption of Division of Revenue Act 2024. The Equitable Share has been enhanced to Kshs. 400,116,788,147. Laikipia County will receive Kshs. 5,569,687,183 which is an additional Kshs. 129,522,094 this pushes the total revenue to Kshs. 7,044,687,183 excluding the conditional grant which is estimated at

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763,953,298.93. The total budget for Financial Year 2024/25 is Kshs. 7,812,758,946.01 inclusive of conditional grants and the closing balances.

Table 1: Additional revenue

Budgeted amount April 2024	5,440,165,089.00
Amended allocation	5,569,687,183.00
Un budgeted amount	129,522,094.00

The following changes will affect specific County Departments;

- **Health and Sanitation**

  a. Construction of five (5) new dispensaries; these will be constructed in the following wards; Salama, Segera, Thingithu Dispensary, Tigithi and Mukogodo East. The priority projects are as cited in the Appendix.

  b. Renovation of at least three (3) existing dispensaries or health centres the following wards will be considered for the renovation works;

     i. Ol-Moran

     ii. Umande ward

     iii. Marmanet ward

The priority projects are as cited in the Appendix.

- **County Coordination, Administration, ICT and Public Service**

Governor's cup and KICOSSCA will be hosted under County Coordination, Administration, ICT and Public Service. This will receive a total allocation of Kshs. 8,500,000 from the proposed 12.5M; a reduction by Kshs. 4M

- **Finance, Economic Planning and the County Treasury**

The department to receive additional Kshs. 16 million this will be added to the administrative services sub-program under the following projects; Research and feasibility – Kshs. 8 million and Kshs. 8 million to Publicity and awareness recurrent votes.

- **Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries**

The committee proposes the following amendments to be done in the department;

a) Construction of a modern Livestock Market (Sale-yard) at Lotasha (Chumvi) at an estimated cost of Kshs. 2,000,000 and Construction of Ilpolei Slaughter house at a cost of Kshs. 2,000,000.

Reduce the allocation for Vaccination of animals against notifiable and trade sensitive diseases by Kshs. 1 million to correct an arithmetical error

b) Allocate Kshs. 2,000,000 towards Equipping of Tigithi Milk Cooling Plant in Tigithi ward- This is additional allocation from the additional funding. The project identified as Procurement / support of Milk value addition equipment (Milk Batch Pasteurizer and Cheese Vat) countywide will now be amended to specifications.

- **Infrastructure & Public Works**

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a. Road Maintenance and upgrade using leased equipment, through procurement of gravel and technical operations support cost. This amount will be subdivided by 15 wards.

b. Network improvement- The total allocation created towards road network improvement will be Kshs. 282,300,000 to be sub-divided across the 15 wards. Each ward will receive a total of 18.686,666. A list of priority projects are provided for in the appendix. The changes are as follows;

   i. Move Kshs. 37,500,000 from flood lights to Road network improvement

   ii. Retain the Kshs. 32,000,000 which had been removed through the governor's memorandum to the road network vote.

   iii. Move an allocation of Kshs.12,800,000 from County renewable/ green energy services to road network improvement

   iv. Additional Kshs. 68M to the department of infrastructure for Acquisition of Heavy Equipment Maintenance for the County.

- **Trade, Tourism, Co-Operatives and Enterprise Development**

The following funds will be reallocated within the department;

a. Reduction of the allocation towards Construction of boda-boda Sheds (2 per ward) of Kshs. 2,000,000 million.

b. Reduction of the allocation towards -General Administration- Policy Development Policy and law development Kshs. 1,690,000 million.

c. Reduction of the allocation towards -Construction of Welcoming Sign post at Igwamiti- Nakuru entry point Kshs. 500,000 million.

d. Reduction of the allocation towards -Trade promotion and Marketing- Kshs. 500,000 million.

e. Reduction of the allocation towards County aggregated industrial park by Kshs. 5.31 million.

f. Collapse the entire allocation towards Market Infrastructure and divide the Kshs. 15,900,000 million by the 15 wards.

- **Gender, Culture and Social Services**

a) Sports- Talent Development Services an allocation of Kshs. 12,500,000 for Unity cup and KICOSSCA to be removed as recommended in the CSFP. This will be hosted at the department of County Administration.

b) Children support program Children institution support program Kshs. 5,700,000 to be moved to the department of Education and Library Services.

c) Reduce the allocation towards Laikipia county annual cultural week by Kshs. 200,000 to correct an arithmetical error in the estimates submitted to this house.

- **Education and Library Services**

Transfer the Children support program Children institution support program Kshs. 5,700,000 from the department of Gender, Culture and Social services

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- **Assembly Budget**

The county assembly will receive an additional Kshs. 15,000,000, the recurrent allocation will be reduced by Kshs. 16,950,931; the county assembly service board will work with a recurrent of Kshs. 548,716,069. The total for the car and mortgage for the staff will stand at Kshs. 30,000,000. The Development budget will stand at Kshs. 48,562,069.

- **Municipalities**

The following changes will affect the municipalities;

a) Rumuruti municipality will face a reduction of Kshs. 1M; Nanyuki will be reduced by Kshs. 5M and Nyahururu a reduction of Kshs. 1M. All these reductions will affect the development vote.

Acknowledgement

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

Lastly, the committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker of the County Assembly, Office of The Clerk and the sectoral committees for their valuable support to the Members of the County Assembly as they discharged their mandate.

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 2024/2025 and recommend it to the House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do call upon Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, the Vice Chairperson to second this.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti hiyo ambayo imesomwa na Mwenyekiti wa Bajeti Mheshimiwa Nicholas Mwaniki, kwa vile amesoma bajeti kulingana na vile kamati na nyumba mzima tuliweza kukubaliana. Ni vizuri wakati wowote tunaposoma bajeti, Wabunge kuwa makini sana na ni vizuri kila wakati kama vile Mheshimiwa Nicholas Lempaira alisema, huu ni waraka muhimu sana ambayo inataka kuangaliwa kwa njia zote.

Ni vizuri mtu awe na nakala ngumu na nakala laini. Hata ikiwezekana, nakala laini kwa simu kwa barua pepe ili mtu aweze kuelewa ni nini iko hapa. Naunga mkono kwa sababu bajeti ambayo Mheshimiwa Mwaniki alisoma tuliweza kuipitisha wakati tulipokuwa tunafanya 36:14. Ningeomba Wabunge wakumbuke wakati tulipokuwa tunafanya CFSP, ni kama tulifanya bajeti yetu na tukamaliza. Yale yote ambayo tulisema hapa, yametimizwa.

Ukiangalia kama Idara ya Jinsia, kuna mahali ambapo tulisikizana ya kwamba pesa ambazo hazikutumika kwa njia ambayo ilikua imekusudiwa, tuitoe na tuipeleke mahali ambapo tunaamini. Ikiwa hapo, itaweza kutekelezwa kwa njia ambayo inayofaa. Wakati ule, kuna pesa ambazo tulitenga na ilitumiwa vibaya. Ndio maana Mwenyekiti amesema tumesongesha hizo pesa hadi kwa Idara ya Uratibu wa Kaunti ambapo iyo idara ndio itasimamia vile huo mradi sana sana ya KICOSCA na (*Governor's cup*) vile itakua inaendeshwa.

Kwa hivyo, tutakuwa tuko na imani kwa hiyo idara. Huu ni wakati mwafaka ambapo nimesimama mara mingi kusema, Idara ambayo itatumia pesa kwa njia ambayo haifai, sisi

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kama Bunge tuko hapa kufanya kazi ya usimamizi na kurekebisha. Nataka kuipongeza hii Nyumba kwa sababu hata baada ya kuwa na mvutano hapa na pale, mtu mwingine kubeba makaratasi na mfuko wa kubeba mikasa kwa milango ya wadosi kwa kupiganisha wale wengine, Nyumba imesimama na imesema vile tulipitisha iwe hivi na ndio imekuwa.

Hiyo itaonyeshana ya kwamba hili Bunge litaheshimiwa na kila mmoja ambaye anakusudia kufanya mambo tofauti na vile Bunge imepitisha. Bwana Spika, katika Idara ya Afya, kuna hospitali ambazo tunajenga ambazo ni centres of excellence. Mwenyekiti ameweza kueleza vizuri kwamba wakati uliopita, kuna wadi tano ambazo zilipata. Wakati huu tumetengea wadi zingine tano ambazo zitanufaika.

Vilevile katika bajeti ijayo, tutatenga fedha zingine ambazo zitaingia katika hizo wadi ili ziweze kufanya hizo hospitali. Kabla ya muda wetu kufika mwisho, kila wadi itaweza kuwa na hiyo hospitali ya *centre of excellence.* Pili katika Idara ya Miundo Msingi hapo ndipo mwenyekiti amesema vizuri kuna ziada ambayo itaweza kusaidia barabara ambazo zimeharibika.

Bwana Spika, karibu wadi zote katika Laikipia ambapo barabara zote ambazo tulitengeneza wakati uliopita zimeisha. Yale ambayo tunazungumzia hapa, mengi ni yale ambayo tulikubaliana wakati tulikuwa katika *Kamukunji* Nairobi. Tuliweza kukubaliana tuweke pesa hapo ili tuweze kurekebisha hizo barabara. Bwana Spika, itakuwa ni aibu barabara ambayo unatumia kama Spika wa hii Kaunti ni mbaya.

Ndio maana Kamati na Bunge nzima tumeweza kupitisha pesa ambayo itasaidia kutengeneza hizo barabara. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri Waheshimiwa waelewe ya kwamba haikutosha. Mwenyekiti alikuwa amesimama kidete kwamba tutafute pesa zaidi ya milioni thelathini katika kila wadi ili kila aodi iweze kupata barabara. Kwa bahati mbaya, pesa haikutosha.

Bwana Spika, ningetaka Waheshimiwa wote ambao wako hapa wawe na imani na hii nakala isipokuwa kuwe kuna mahali utaona marekebisho useme ili tuweze kurekebisha. Bwana Spika, ukiangalia katika Bunge la Kaunti, tutapoteza milioni kumi na sita kutoka kwa CRA. Wakati Bunge imepoteza, sisi kama Waheshimiwa tunafaa kujua vile tutakaa. Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya Huduma amesema ya kwamba watatumia milioni 548 kwa miezi kumi na miwili.

Ni vizuri tuelewe ya kwamba pesa ya Bunge ni pesa ya kusaidia waheshimiwa kufanya uangalizi na kuwakilisha na hasa kuangalia Serikali Tawala. Tutakuwa na nafasi mwafaka wa waheshimiwa kukaa chini na tuelewane milioni 548 zitaenda wapi na zitafanya nini ili tuwe kitu kimoja. Bwana Spika, nashukuru mwenyekiti kwa sababu ameweza kueleza kila pesa ambayo inatolewa kutoka kwa idara moja hadi nyingine.

Ni vizuri tuelewe ya kwamba zile pesa ambazo zimepatikana ndizo tutatumia. Hatuna njia nyingine ya kutafuta pesa. Bwana Spika, katika hii ripoti tumezungumzia pesa ambazo zilikuwa zimetengewa biashara na kuhamishwa. Kila Mheshimiwa anaona hapo yale yote ambayo tulikubaliana. Kwa hivyo, nasimama kuunga mkono kazi ambayo imefanywa na Kamati ya Bajeti pamoja na Bunge nzima kwa sababu tumefanya kulingana na mapenzi ya Bunge hili.

Bwana Spika, nakomea hapo na napongeza kamati, mwenyekiti, Bunge nzima na pia wewe Spika kwa kuwa katika msitari wa mbele kuhakikisha ya kwamba Kamati ya Bajeti imewasilisha kazi yake yote. Bwana Spika, kama sio wewe, tungekuwa na shida hapa na pale. Tunajivunia kuwa na wewe na tunajua tutaendelea mbele na mahali ambapo kuna shida katika Bajeti, tutakubaliana.

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Bwana Spika, la mwisho ni hii bajeti huenda isifurahishe mlengo ule mwingine kwa sababu mambo mengine yanafanyika hapa hawangetaka kuwe hivyo. Ninaomba Waheshimiwa kwa sababu tukipitisha hii bajeti, haitakuwa ya Mheshimiwa Mwaniki na haitakuwa na Kamati ya Bajeti lakini ya Bunge nzima. Kwa sababu moto utakuja, ninawaomba ikikuja kila mtu akinge. Ukiona moto umewaka, tafuta mchanga uzime ili tusonge katika hii safari.

Tusipofanya hivyo, tutakuwa na makelele. Tutaona kama Mheshimiwa Kamara, Lempaira, Mugweru ama Catherine ndio wabaya lakini siku ikiisha, mwananchi anaendelea kuteseka. Tunajua Mwenyekiti atakuwa na vita na tunafaa kumlinda, kamati na heshima ya Bunge hili. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga na kuafiki mkono Bajeti.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki and Hon. Stephen.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to give the floor to Hon. Kanyutu. I hope that those Hon. Members who have not received the hard copies will be receiving in the next few minutes. Continue Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have not received the hard copy but I have gone through the gadget. First of all, I thank the Chairperson for the good report they have been able to compile. I do not need the hardcopy because I have gone through it. The whole House sat and decided while making the CFSP. They have been able to tabulate and they wanted work to be done because that is our mandate.

We were elected to represent our people. I am happy because as per the engagements that we did and all the agreements that we agreed, they have all been catered for. Mr. Speaker, I have seen that there are departments that have reductions and some have been reallocated which is good for some of CECM's and COs to realize that our mandate is not just making the budget but we will give them.

In case you are not working on the budget that you were allocated in the Finance Bill, the Assembly has the power to remove everything. I appreciate the House because they sat from CFSP. Yesterday I was very happy because the memorandum that we had we were able to pass it unanimously as per the committee's agreement. Mr. Speaker, I support the report and I am sure there will be concerns with a few Members.

In the previous regime, I was in the Budget Committee and there is an annexure that will be attached to this budget. That annexure is what every Members should confirm that whatever you are pushing to be done in your area has been properly earmarked and allocated. I thank the committee. We need to pass it immediately so that we progress with others. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nawashukuru sana Waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa na Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti pamoja na kamati yake. Kamati ilifanya kazi muhimu sana ya kuangalia kila kitu. Ukisika hili Bunge halina makelele, jua watu wanafanya kazi kwa umoja. Nashukuru Mwenyekiti na kamati yake. Hata leo, ukisikiza Bunge kuu, wanasoma mambo ya fedha. Kwa hivyo, bila bajeti hakuna kazi tunaweza kufanya.

Ninafurahia Mwenyekiti na Kamati yake kuona tunaweza fanya kitu kinyume na wale wengine waumie. Wale watu ambao wako kwa wadi kumi na tano wanaangalia hii bajeti kwa macho mawili kama kuna kazi tunafanya. Bila pesa na bajeti, hatuwezi kufanya kitu. Bila kupoteza wakati, ninaunga mkono hii bajeti nzuri na kupongeza Mwenyekiti na kamati yake.

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Kama vile Mheshimiwa kutoka Marmanet amesema hapa, hakuna kitu cha kuongea kwa sababu mambo yako shwari. Hapa ni kupitisha na kumaliza ili tuendelee na kazi. Asante.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the motion today on the issue of budget estimates. I would like to make one correction on Gender Labour Services that read, transfer the children support programme, children support programme Kshs 5.7 for Department of Gender Culture and Social Services. As a whole House, we had agreed that it should read to be transferred to Department of Education.

That is what we agreed although the person who has typed has not indicated well. Just to avoid doubts, it should be clearly indicated. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members. When we were making this budget, we consulted widely. In Mukogodo West, in terms of road, it has the lowest. It is not because it was allocated but because we had an agreement with some of the Members. Our wards are dynamic and have different needs. That is why we agreed.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, this is a budget that reflects the needs of the people of Laikipia. I am happy because it is generated by the representatives of the people. They proposed some of the projects and actually the ones that are here. I am happy because it is clearly indicating where each coin is supposed to go. Mr. Speaker, I want to emphasize on the issue of budget implementation. We have always been putting money and especially the money that comes from grants in blank without the CECM for Finance giving us a detailed itemized budget.

That is why we have problems in FLLOCA on borehole repair, drilling etc. If you look at it, is not reflecting at the ground. That is why we are saying every CEO has an obligation to make sure that the budget is utilized on time. I want to urge the Members and especially the CPAIC Committee that this year we need an analysis of our pending bills. We want to know whose CEO has the highest number of pending bills so that when making the next budget, we will know what to do.

We cannot be having budgets with pending bills of Kshs. 300,000,000. That is quite a lot of boreholes and roads that can be done by that amount of money. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Chairman for Budget and Appropriation Committee and its membership. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the budget estimates. I have very little to add. We have realized in the just ended budget that some projects are yet to be done. Sometimes, I entirely blame this House because our core mandate of this House is oversight.

Mr. Speaker, there have been a lot of things in various department. I think it's from the observation of some of us that the Executive as we give allocation, I will give example. You took us to a training in Nakuru. One of the things that was scheduled in that training was that any budget from National or County, if there is stealing it is usually done in the budget process. Not during implementation. When we sat down to analyze and itemize the estimates that will come, some other time perhaps next week, we realized there are things that area not itemized. Some of these monies are the ones that sometime we don't know how they are spent.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the finalizing of the budget and I think for the first time we are really in this process. I would like to urge the Executive through your Office and the that of Clerk that once the budget is signed by the Governor, the department heads led by the CECM and COs should immediately start implementing. So that by the end of the year, the dams and roads are done. Some of us have a challenge. Those who had the leasing program

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between April, May and June during the rainy season. The same budget was passed at a time like this on June.

I know there are some pending bills yet to be paid. We are still paying past years pending bills. I should think the contracting process because it is not timed, the only thing that is timed is the budget making process and we will not be fined. During the payments of the former contracts, it should be timely. That is why I am saying the implementation of the first quarters should be the things that are climatic affected like roads and water.

Mr. Speaker, I would also want the following on change of projects. I made some noise on a certain CO who went ahead and changed a project from my ward. This county cannot be worked by such people. We were elected by people. I beg if they don't want to agree with us, the projects we put here because we are the most local persons should be implemented to the later.

Lastly, the projects commencement. This has been an issue since I entered this House, 2017. It is important because when we want to oversight it is always good to communicate with the House that there is a commencement of a particular class like ECDE, borehole in Wangwaci or hospital being done so that I start my work of oversight. It is very strange when you go and find a certain project has started like borehole. We need to go and oversight those pipes being installed beneath the ground.

Some of our contractors are incompetent and you know that. We can be able to know that this particular pump was good or not. Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that through the follow up of this House after this budget, we will see a change from what we had in the last financial year and we will go well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi Gatati: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support. For the first time, I am happy that whatever I suggested has appeared in the budget. I am a victim of being given forced projects that were never mentioned by the community during the public participation. I would wish this House to makes sure that we protect this document to the letter.

Last year Mr. Speaker, department of education constructed an ECDE classroom in a primary school that is one of the best in terms of infrastructure in Kenya called Matigari boarding. Whereas in Salama, we have schools where even they don't have a single permanent class. I am happy to see this in budget. Now I am a happy man and I will go home and sleep well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Let me ask the mover of the motion to give a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika. Nashukuru kwa huo mjadala umekuwa katika hili Bunge. Wakati tulikuwa tunaanza kusoma hii bajeti, kulikuwa na kuchanganyikiwa kidogo ya kwamba kulikuwa na agenda fiche. Kwa sasa, wajumbe wameona hakuna mambo ya kando. Pale katika bajeti kuna makosa ya uandishi. Ukurasa ambao uko na miradi utapata wadi ya Rumuruti inasoma 'Road and Maintenance' wameweka Githiga. Hayo ni makosa ya uandishi na tutarekebisha na karani wa Bunge. Kwa hayo na mengi, nawashukuru.

Wiki ijayo tukipitisha, kila Mjumbe afanye kazi yake ya uangalizi na pia abebe stakabadhi hii ndio ile kitu imeandikwa hapa unahakikisha imefanywa. Itakuwa ni jambo lisilo la kawaida tukifika Juni kisha mjumbe hajaangalia miradi ya kwake kama imefanyika. Nawaomba kwa huu mwaka, kila mjumbe afuatilie miradi ya kwake. Ukiona kwako haijafanyika, ni vizuri uongee na mjumbe mwingine ndiposa tusikizane tuwe kitu kimoja na tupiganie wananchi ambao wako hiyo wadi. Sisi wote tumechaguliwa pia wale wakuteuliwa. Asante sana.

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(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until next week Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.34 p.m.

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