

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 26th June, 2018

The House met at 4.31 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Museku) in the Chair]

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members. Under this Order we have one notice of motion by Hon. Ndambuki, Chairman of budget committee.

MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, aware that the County Assembly received the financial estimates for the financial 2018/2019 on 30th April, 2018 and was committed to the budget and appropriation committee;

In line with Section 31 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFM) of 2012, the Budget committee considered the budget estimates with a view of approving them with or without amendments in time for the relevant appropriation law required to implement the budget to be passed by 30th June this year;

Section 131(2) of the PFM Act 2012 states that before the County Assembly considers the estimates of revenue and expenditure, the relevant committee of the County Assembly shall discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the county Assembly;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the budget and appropriation committee on the Machakos County Budget Estimates for the fiscal year 2018/2019

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki for that notice of motion.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members under this Order, we have two statements by Hon. Jeremiah and Hon. Kamitu.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF DRUGS AND OTHER NON-PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES IN
MACHAKOS LEVEL V HOSPITAL

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a statement on acute shortage of drugs and other non-pharmaceutical supplies in Machakos Level V was sought on 19th June, 2018 and referred to the Health and Emergency services committee to inquire in to the matter and report to this Hon. House on 26th June, 2018. Mr. Speaker, the committee is still conducting investigations from the relevant departments in an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the reported shortage and restore the image of health sector in Machakos County.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore wish to seek for extension to enable the committee to finalize and report on the above task. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah for that statement. The Chair had directed the department or the committee on health and emergency services to inquire on the issue of shortage of drugs and other issues related to Machakos Level V hospital and report to the Hon. House today. As I can see, the committee is still conducting its investigations and has not yet been able to submit a report before the House.

It is important at this juncture for me to say that the statement is in order but the committee needs to understand the urgency of the issue at hand. We are talking about issues concerning health of our people, our relatives, our friends and everyone and therefore it is an issue which should be given utmost priority and I do not understand why the committee has not been able to submit this but as a Chair I will direct that we give this committee an additional one week to finalize on this report and the committee should report to this House on Tuesday 3rd July, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. The House Business Committee needs to ballot this to appear before the House.

The next statement is by Hon. Kamitu, the Minority Leader.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REPORT BY COMMITTEE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF SEVEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution, H.E. the Governor, forwarded to the Speaker of the County Assembly, a message of notification of nomination of the following seven persons vide letter ref: MCG/GOV./Cab.02/18 dated 17th May, 2018 and received on 21st May, 2018 for consideration for approval by the County Assembly and eventual appointment to serve as County Executive Committee Members in the following portfolios:

1. Ms. Evelyne Kavuu Mutie, Nominee for the Department of Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
2. Eng. Morris Omuyonga Aluanga, Nominee for the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works.
3. Mr. Titus Nzeki Matiku Kavila, Nominee for the Department of County Administration and Decentralized Units.

4. Mr. Francis Kiio Mwaka, Nominee for the Department of Trade, Industrialization and Innovation.
5. Mr. Kimeu Mbithi Kimeu, Nominee for the Department of Public Service, Quality Assurance and ICT.
6. Mr. Urbanus Wambua Musyoka, Nominee for the Department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development.
7. Mr. Lazarus Kivuva, Nominee for the Department of Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare.

In a sitting of the House held on 21st May, 2018, the Hon. Speaker informed the House of the message from H.E. the Governor and pursuant to Standing Order 42(1) and (2), the matter was committed to the Committee on Appointments. The Committee was directed to report to the House within 21 days in accordance with Section 9(1) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee via an advertisement on the Daily Nation dated 25th May, 2018 scheduled to hold the approval hearings of the nominees on 11th, 14th, and 15th and 18th June, 2018 and on 11th and 14th June, 2018 four nominees were heard.

Hon. Speaker, through a Gazette Notice No. 5747 dated 12th June, 2018, Friday, 15th June, 2018 was declared a public holiday to accord Kenyans the opportunity to make preparations to mark *Idd-Ul-Fitr*. Consequently, the Assembly through an advertisement on the Daily Nation dated 14th June, 2018 and written notices to the remaining three nominees rescheduled the approval hearings to 18th and 21st June, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, previously and after receipt of the message of notification of nomination from H.E. the Governor, starting from the 6th to 8th June, 2018, the Assembly engaged in public participation of Budget Estimates for the Financial year 2018/2019; an exercise that took place in all the 40 wards in the County and involved Hon. Members of the County Assembly including members of the Committee on Appointments.

Hon. Speaker, in accordance with Section 9(1) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the report of the Committee on Appointments is due for tabling in this Hon. House on 29th June, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, in view of the foregoing events that occasioned interruptions to the approval hearings schedule, I wish to seek an extension of 14 days to enable the Committee finalize and report to this Hon. House on 17th July, 2018. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu on that statement concerning the request seeking an extension of 14 days to enable the Committee on Appointments finalize on the report; as a result of that, since it was just a Statement, the Chair directs that, that is granted and the report be brought before this Hon. House by that committee on 17th July, 2018 in the morning at 10 a.m.

MOTION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members under this Order, we have one motion by Hon. Ndambuki, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee.

(Applause)

MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2018/2019 REPORT

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation committee on the Machakos county budget estimates for the fiscal year 2018/2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to call Hon. Thomas Mutinda to second the motion.

Thank you.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to second this report, which is so elaborate and nice for the people of Machakos County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Mutinda. Hon. Ndambuki you may present the report.

Hon. Ndambuki: Once again thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. House, I am going to read the Budget and Appropriation committee report on budget estimates for the fiscal year 2018/2019.

Hon. Speaker, the Constitution and Acts relating to Devolution have placed significant responsibilities on the County Assemblies over the management of public resources. The legislatures have in particular received enhanced responsibility with regard to resource mobilization, allocation, management and control of resources.

Article 185(3) of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 contemplates the powers of the County Assembly to oversight the budget process among other areas. In this regard, Standing Order 187 establishes the Budget and Appropriations Committee with specific mandate among which is to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget as well as discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly.

As required by the Constitution and related Acts, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is required to discuss and review Budget estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly for consideration.

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honorable Members:-

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki - Chairperson

Hon. Thomas Mutinda - Vice Chairperson

Hon. Paul Museku	- Member
Hon. Margaret Mwikali	“
Hon. Angela Munyasya	“
Hon. Daniel Mbevi	“
Hon. Jacqueline Nziva	“
Hon. Moffat Maitha	“
Hon. Ikusya Kaloki	“

Hon. Speaker, in preparation of the 2018/19 budget, the Budget and Appropriations Committee has been extensively involved in the various stages of the budget process from review of sectoral priorities to evaluation of the goals of the County Government. With this enhanced involvement, the County Assembly envisages prudence, transparency and accountability in the use of public resources.

Hon. Speaker, in reviewing the 2018/19 Budget Estimates, the Committee held several sittings and also invited the participation of the public in the budget process by holding public hearings on the budget estimates in all the 40 wards within the County.

These hearings were conducted to receive views and recommendations from the public on the proposed Budget estimates for County government sectoral departments namely: the Office of the Governor, the Department of Public Service, ICT and Labour, the Department of Economic Planning, Trade and Industrialization, the County Treasury, the Department of Decentralized Units and urban areas, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, water and irrigation, the Department of Health and Emergency Services, the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works, the Department of Education, Skills training and Social Services, the Department of Lands, Energy, Environment, Housing and Natural Resources, the Department of Tourism and Culture, the County Public Service Board and the arm of the County government, the County Assembly.

LINKING THE 2018/19 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2012

Hon. Speaker, Section 12(1) of the Second Schedule of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 requires implementation of program budgets to commence in 2014/15 for County Governments. This framework focuses on tying decisions on allocation of resources to expected outputs. Past budgets have always shown how much money is going to various departments and accounts without providing specific, measurable and realistic programs.

However starting this year, the focus is more on the actual programs that shall be supported by the resources we shall receive from the national government as well as the revenues to be collected at the county level.

Hon. Speaker, changing the way budgets are developed and presented is a key part of reforming our government; making it more open, more accountable and more focused on the results that matter to the people it serves. The committee has ensured that the proposals of the public, that are more realistic to implement, are accommodated in this year's budget. Devolved units were meant to deliver to the requirements of the residents.

Aware that we have to move forward with the changing world technology and trends, Hon. Speaker, it would be in futility to leave the reality unattended and hope to achieve a vision. The 2018/19 Budget is more focused on realistic programs to ensure dynamic growth of the County economy; further the 2018/19 budget has been linked to the Big 4 Agenda of the national government namely; infrastructure, food security, health care and manufacturing.

Hon. Speaker, if Machakos County is to fully enjoy the benefits of Program-Based Budget, such as increased efficiency in delivery of services as well as its effectiveness in development programs, all County departments must review productivities and targets in their Programme-Based Budgets (PBBs) and ensure reporting on the achievements of the various targets on quarterly basis.

COUNTY REVENUE FOR THE 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive Committee member for finance proposed County revenue for the 2018/19 at Ksh. 12,211,106,620.37 as tabulated below:

1. Equitable Share	Ksh. 8,321,000,000.00
2. Conditional grants/loans	
- Level Five Hospital Grants	Ksh. 383,583,815.00
- Compensation for users fees forgone	Ksh. 24,129,039.00
- Leasing of medical equipment	Ksh. 200,000,000.00
- Rehabilitation of Youth Polytechnics	Ksh. 54,295,000.00
- Road maintenance Levy fund	Ksh. 219,084,683.00
- Kenya Devolution support project	Ksh. 53,423,784.00
- Kenya Urban Support Project	Ksh. 1,018,320,500.00
- DANIDA (Universal Healthcare)	Ksh. 24,806,250.00
- Transforming Health Systems for Universal Care Project (RMNCAH)	Ksh. 95,401,875.00
3. County Own Revenue	Ksh. 1,700,061,674.00
Total County Allocation	Ksh. 12,211,106,620.37

THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FY 2018/19

Total expenditure budget

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive proposed budget estimates for 2018/19 is Ksh.12,211,044,746 which comprises the following:

a. Recurrent Expenditure	- Ksh. 8,573,380,220
b. Development Expenditure	- Ksh. 3,637,664,526

TOTAL EXPENDITURE Ksh. 12,211,044,746

The recurrent expenditure stands at 70 per cent while the capital expenditure is 30 per cent.

Hon. Speaker, however, after interrogation of the 2018/19 Budget estimates by the sectoral committees and the public, as well as the factoring of the 2018/19 Fiscal Strategy Paper ceilings, the Budget and Appropriations committee felt that some of the budgeted projects would not unlock the growth potential of the County as they did not match the needs of the public to whom this Hon. Assembly is answerable to.

The budget committee revised the Budget programs in line with the programs set out in the 2018/19 Annual Development Plan and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper ceilings for the year 2018/19.

The resource envelope will consist of Ksh. 10.711 billion from national government and Ksh. 1.728 Billion from local revenues making total revenue of Ksh. 12.439 billion.

KEY PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2018/19 BUDGET

FOOD SECURITY

Hon. Speaker, the Committee observed that members of the public expressed concern with the poor performance of the agriculture sector leading to food shortage. The Committee noted that the bulk of the functions for this sector happen to be devolved and progress should therefore be largely focused on putting in place a comprehensive food security program by enhancing irrigation using the county government propelled water projects and water harnessed from the major rivers within the County.

Hon. Speaker, the public was concerned that the free distribution of agricultural inputs in 2017/18 was ineffective as the same was being proposed to be distributed after the farmers had planted. The Committee recommends that the resources appropriated for the department for the year 2018/19 be geared towards provision of quality seeds at a subsidized rate and in a timely manner.

Hon. Speaker, arising from the public hearings, there is need for pest and crop disease control, supply of subsidized seeds and fertilizers in supporting farmers. The Committee recommends that the county government builds its own silos to purchase farm produce at a fair price during the bumper harvest seasons for storage and eventual resale at subsidized prices to farmers at the time of need.

The committee recommends that Ksh. 5 million budgeted for purchase of motor vehicle under development expenditure be nullified as the same is a recurrent expenditure. Hon. Speaker, following the devolution of the ECDE centers, which have not been receiving school fee support, it was the opinion of the Committee that the County Government supports the development program which is already in place for ECDE pupils by allocating a budget and collection of Ksh. 300 from ECDE parents be suspended immediately.

PROVISION OF WATER

Hon. Speaker, water is a scarce resource in our county; the committee recommends that the budgetary allocation for the directorate of water and irrigation be increased to cater for drilling of more boreholes and reticulation of water, scooping of dams and purchase of tanks to store water.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Speaker, improvement of the road network has routinely been cited as a priority area for the government to invest since it is essential in facilitating economic growth. However, the poor road network and the destruction of most access roads by the recent heavy rains in most parts of the County remains a matter of grave concern.

Hon. Speaker, the allocation for this department has been revised upward to cater for the construction, grading, upgrading, repair and maintenance of roads that were left impassable by the recent rains that left behind huge galleys, swept bridges and impassable roads across the County.

SAND HARVESTING

Hon. Speaker, it was noted that sand harvesting is impacting negatively on our environment and infrastructure. The public felt that there was need for construction of weirs, drifts and gabions to counter this, a matter that the Committee incorporated in the 2018/19 Budget Estimates.

The public overwhelmingly proposed for stringent controls or ban over the exercise. Sand harvesting has further fueled to ruin our roads and has negatively affected the County road structure.

HEALTH SERVICES

Hon. Speaker, the Committee is well aware that a healthy people guarantee economic growth. The Committee is further aware of the constitutional requirement for Kenyans to access health services. Although the county health sector has been allocated more than a third of the total County budget, our County hospitals, dispensaries and clinics continue to choke with the lack of adequate facilities, drugs, food, services and pharmaceuticals.

The implementation of the 2018/19 Budget Estimates will ensure improved health services to our people and sustainable supply of drugs, food and pharmaceuticals to guarantee quality health care. The committee has not lost touch with the proposal of a motion passed by this Hon. House for construction of cancer center and palliative center at Machakos Level V hospital which will be consider in the 2019/20 budget.

The committee is aware that Machakos County will have a pilot scheme under the universal health care by the national government. The committee further recommends that the facility improvement fund (FIF) be ploughed back to the hospitals.

COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND

Hon. Speaker, Section 110(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, allows the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, with the approval of the County Assembly, to establish an emergency fund for the county government. Pursuant to sub-section 2 of the same, the purpose of an Emergency Fund is to enable payments to be made in respect of a county where an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure for which there is no specific legislative authority arises.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Madam Speaker, the County has quite a large number of employees that has caused the escalating wage bill. The public finance management act set a limit of 35 per cent of the total revenue yet the current wage stands at 46 per cent of the total revenue. The committee recommends compensation for voluntary early retirement of employees in the coming fiscal year.

EDUCATION

Hon. Speaker, the education sector is very important within the county government. This is due to the importance attached to improving the human capital and having sufficient trained personnel to spur economic growth in our county. For this reason, the committee considered construction of ECDE classes and toilets in public schools a requisite. Bursaries have also been set aside to assist needy children in our secondary schools.

However, as opposed to the last budget, where the bursary funds had not been disbursed, the funds have been allocated under the recurrent expenditure to enhance efficient disbursement to the beneficiaries.

PENDING BILLS

Hon. Speaker, the County Government has accumulated huge debts in form of pending bills over the past five years. The County government in its second term of devolution owes

suppliers money stretching back to 2013. This is a matter of grave concern and has upset our suppliers and impacts negatively to the County in enhancing security for investors, economic growth and employment.

The committee is in receipt of the directive from the Controller of Budget cautioning that the pending bills should be referred as first charge as required under the Public Finance Management Act. This was also addressed in the last report of the committee on Supplementary Budget 2018. The Committee recommends that funds be set aside in each department and in every County government spending agency to pay out pending bills within the department or agency.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Speaker, the committee held a public participation in all the 40 wards in the county from 6th to 8th June, 2018 according to article 196(b) of the constitution that states that a County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees.

INVITATION OF CEC FINANCE

Hon. Speaker, the committee invited the CEC finance vide letter reference No. MKSA/PSC/CMM/FRC/VOL.4/34 dated 20th June, 2018 to a meeting to present his views on the 2018/19 budget as stated under section 131 of the Public Finance Management Act. However, the County Executive committee did not turn up at the meeting and the committee had to proceed to finalize the 2018/19 budget according to the timelines.

SECTORAL DEPARTMENTS

Hon. Speaker, Section 131(2) of the Public Finance Management Act states that, before the County Assembly considers the estimates of revenue and expenditure, the relevant committee of the County Assembly shall discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly, and in finalizing the recommendations to County Assembly, the committee shall take into account the views of the County Executive Committee member for finance and the public on the proposed recommendations.

The Budget and appropriation committee ensured that there was involvement of all the participants in preparing the 2018/19 Budget estimates. The Sectoral committees of this honorable Assembly invited the County Executive committee Members and the Chief Officers of the related department's to cross-examine the proposed budget estimates relating to the departments.

Some of the issues for consideration in the sectoral departments meeting were;

1. List of employees and wage bill payroll.
2. Organogram of the Department.
3. List of projects undertaken in the previous budget.
4. List of pending bills.
5. Challenges and recommendations on the way forward.
6. Proposed departmental budget as per ceilings.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, PLANNING AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

List of employees

Hon. Speaker, the Department has 39 employees; 26 permanent, 12 on probation and 1 on contract. The wage bill is at Ksh. 52,683,100 per annum.

Budget 2018/19

The budget is Ksh. 103 Million in which development is Ksh. 21 million and recurrent is Ksh. 82 million

Pending Bills were not availed.

Organogram was not provided.

List of projects undertaken in the previous Five years.

Market sheds;

The Status of the Markets sheds is as follows:

1. Markets that have been completed are; Tumba , Kathiani, Wamunyu, Kathome, Joska,, Kaiatuni, Ithaeni, Kawethei, Kyeleni, Katangi, Kisiiki, Ekalakala, Kithyoko, Milaani, Kyumbi, Mbiuni, Matuu ma mwiitu, Mitaboni, Kaveani, Oldonyo Sabuk, Masii, Tala, Nguluni, Muthetheni, Athi River, Mwala, Kithimani and Ikombe market.
2. Markets that stalled include Matuu, Kangundo, Kiatinini, Masinga and Kivani market.
3. Markets that were abandoned or projects terminated are Mlolongo and Mutituni market.

Challenges

The department challenges during the FY 2017/18 include, the compulsory leave for Finance Officers, delay in disbursement from National Government, breakdown of IFMIS system and under collection of revenues.

Recommendations

1. Allocate funds to complete market sheds but no new constructions.
2. Allocate 12 million for construction of Mavoko offices.
3. Machakos Investment Board requires Ksh. 5 million for furniture and equipment.
4. Need a policy for pending bills for the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND URBAN PLANNING PHYSICAL PLANNING PROJECTS

Hon. Speaker, the department during the FY 2018/19 plans to carry out County Spatial Plan with the assistance from the Council of Governors at Ksh. 100,000,000 grant. Planning and implementation of plans for Towns and markets including Mavoko, Machakos, Kangundo, Tala, Masii, Wamunyu, Masinga, Ekalakala, Kathiani, Kola, Kivaa, Yathui, Matuu, Mbiuni, Mitaboni, Kithyoko, Katangi, Kali and Muumandu at a total cost of Ksh. 157,246,914.

The pending bills for the department amounted to Ksh. 33,738'342. The other development expenditure is to cost Ksh. 545,000 and recurrent expenditure of Ksh. 34,283342. It was noted that the department had zero Budget to implement the spatial planning of the 16 markets. Public participation should be carried on for the 16 markets earmarked for planning. The Department has no policy in managing pending bills.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE

The committee observed that the department had a development budget of Ksh. 26,659,112 against the approved 2018/19 CFSP ceiling of Ksh. 26,659,112. On the recurrent, the department had surpassed the CFSP ceiling in that the ceilings were Ksh. 82,636,304 and the department's budget was at Ksh. 85, 233,835

Pending bills

The Chief Officer informed the committee that the department had a pending bill of Ksh. 86 million and requested for some time to present a report on the same to the committee.

Wage bill

The Chief Officer informed the committee that he would present a report on the same to the committee but has not done so to date.

Observations Made by the Culture and Tourism Committee

The Chief Officer informed the committee that the funds allocated for the KICOSCA and ELASCA games were inadequate and requested for more funds.

The Chief Officer also requested the County Assembly to authorize that 50 per cent of the revenue collected at the Machakos People's Park and the various stadiums within the county be ploughed back to the respective parks and stadiums in order to clear some pending bills and initiate some projects.

The Chief Officer proposed to the County Assembly to come up with a Bill or a Fund to regulate and manage the Alcoholics drinks in the County.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE AND ICT

Hon. Speaker, the committee observed that the department had a development budget of Ksh. 21,735,000 against the approved 2018/19 CFSP ceiling of Ksh. 21,735,000.

The Chief Officer informed the committee that with the development budget mentioned above the department intended to purchase ICT equipment, purchase CCTV software, purchase backup generators, mapping system for the ambulances and set up a clocking system for all the county government offices.

Pending bills

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the committee that the department had a pending bill of Ksh. 17,197,910. The Officer requested the committee to reconsider the ceilings and place them at Ksh. 50 million so as to enable payment of pending bills and still be able to undertake some development projects.

The committee was informed that with the current ceilings of Ksh. 21 million, the department would only be able to clear a fraction of 30 per cent of the total pending bills.

Wage bill

The committee observed that as per the records presented by the Chief Officer, the payroll unit of the department of Public Service Labour and ICT has a total of 52 employees as at 31st May, 2018 of which 44 are permanent and pensionable and 9 are contractual. The total wage bill for the permanent and pensionable and contracted staff on a monthly basis is Ksh. 2,237,097.

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

Organogram of the Department

The organogram of the Department was provided with two directorates namely; Transport and Roads and Public Works and Housing Directorate. Both Directorates are headed by Chief Officers.

List of Employees

A list of 285 employees was provided categorized as 16 staff in administration, 124 staff in the Mechanical Section, 111 staff in the public works section and 34 staff in the engineering section.

Departmental payroll

Administration-	Ksh. 21,796,606.00
Road Development, Maintenance and Management -	Ksh. 17,103,566.80
County Fleet Management-	Ksh. 56,921,897.80
Contracted Employees-	Ksh. 49,833,408.00
Total salaries (permanent and contracted staff) per Year =	<u>Ksh. 145,655,478</u>

Review of FY 2017/2018 Budget

List of ongoing projects

The following projects were listed as on going

S/NO	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION OF PROJECT	PROJECTED VALUE OF THE PROJECT	STATUS OF COMPLETION
1.	Kivandini–Masinga Roads	Masinga	205,812,124	50%
2.	Police Housing	Mavoko	30,000,000	45%
3.	Machakos County Office block	Machakos New City	287,110,237	12%
4.	Machakos Conference Facility	Machakos Peoples park	74,170,816.44	8%
5.	Matuu County Office Building	Matuu	17,000,000	50%
6.	Matuu County Office (Boundary wall)	Matuu	29,506,630	60%
7.	Government Commercial Development Centre	Machakos	55,495,943.92	40%
8.	Community Recreational Centers	Sub Counties	55,435,940	5%
9.	Public Facility	Machakos	37,585,660	8%
10.	Government Building	Machakos	399,640,361	4%
11.	Government Building	Machakos	394,999,999	4%
12.	Construction of Modern Toilets	Town/Markets	44,000,000	5%
	TOTAL	Ksh. 1,548,378,145		

List of pending bills from the previous Financial Years

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The Departmental pending bills are as follows;
 Recurrent pending bills- Ksh. 4,992,569.60
 Development pending bills- Ksh. 509,736, 960.03
Total Pending Bills- Ksh. 514,729,529.63

1. Proposed Departmental Budget as per the ceilings

Hon. Speaker, the approved CFSP ceilings for recurrent expenditure was Ksh 236,302,619 and Ksh. 1,750,658,280 for development. The FY 2018/2019 Budget proposals for recurrent expenditure is Ksh 235,230,708 and Ksh. 1,228,376,856 for development.

The following projects on Road development, maintenance and management had been proposed to be undertaken in the FY 2018/2019;

- i. Kithimani-Kinyaata-Katangi Road which is 43 Km to be tarmacked at a total cost of Ksh. 473,000,000.
- ii. Seveni-Muthetheni Road which is 20 Km to be graveled at a total cost of Ksh. 70,000,000.
- iii. Grading of access Roads up to a distance of 800Km at a total cost of Ksh. 88,000,000.

2. Challenges

The Department's main challenge was inconsistency in cash flows and inadequate funding especially for fleet management.

3. Sectoral Committee Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the Committee noted that the Department had started construction of police quarters in Mavoko Sub County, a function that was not devolved yet a cost of Ksh. 17,000,000 had been incurred. The Committee called for immediate termination of the contract and re-direction of the funds.

The Committee objected further tarmacking of roads and recommended grading, leveling, murraming and gravelling of roads since the process of tarmacking was very expensive compared to the later which is required widely across the County roads that are in bad state.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Organogram of the Department

Hon. Speaker, the organogram of the Department was provided headed by one Chief Officer.

The Department has five directorates namely;

1. Directorate of Administration and Planning.
2. Directorate of Curative and Rehabilitative Services.
3. Directorate of Preventive and Promotive Health Services.
4. Directorate of Finance and Procurement.
5. Directorate of emergency and Rescue Services.

List of Employees

Hon. Speaker, a list of **2977** employees was provided categorized as following;

1. 2362 Staff on Permanent and Pensionable terms.

2. 564 Staff on Contractual terms.
3. 51 Casuals.

Departmental payroll

Total salaries containing permanent and pensionable staff per month as indicated in the Departmental payroll for the month of June, 2018 is Ksh. 231,645,800.35
Total Salaries for Contractual per month amount to Ksh. 2,719,758.

Review of FY 2017/2018 Budget

List of Completed projects

PHASE 1 FACILITIES: 2015/2016

The following health facilities were renovated in Phase I

S/No.	Facility Name	Sub County
1	Masinga H/Centre	Masinga
2	Ndithini	Masinga
3	Kithyoko	Masinga
4	Miu	Mwala
5	Masii	Mwala
6	Katangi	Yatta
7	Kaviani	Kathiani
8	Mitaboni	Kathiani
9	Nguluni	Matungulu
10	Kivaani	Kangundo
11	Kakuyuni	Kangundo
12	Athi River	Mavoko
13	Kinanie	Mavoko
14	Mutituni	Machakos
15	Kola	Machakos

Each of the above facilities received Ksh. 2 million for the renovation works.

Total Cost incurred in Renovation of the above projects =Ksh. **30,000,000**

List of ongoing projects

The following facilities were identified and renovation works started in the Phase II cycle. Each received Ksh. 1 million for initial work awaiting the second disbursement upon assessment by the renovation team.

Sub County	Facility Name	Initial Funding (Ksh)	Status
Mavoko	1 Mlolongo	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation

Machakos	2	Muumandu	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	3	Kimutw'a	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
Kathiani	4	Thinu	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	5	Ngoleni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	6	Ithaeni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
Matungulu	7	Kimiti	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	8	Kyeleni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	9	Matungulu	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	10	Kalandini	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	11	Kituluni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
Mwala	12	Mbiuni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	13	Muthetheni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	14	Wamunyu	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	15	Katulani	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
Masinga	16	Mananja	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	17	Itunduimuni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	18	Ekalakala	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	19	Kangonde	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
	20	Kivaa	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation
Kangundo	21	Ndunduni	1 Million	Works on going awaiting funding for completion of renovation

Total Cost of ongoing projects = Ksh. 42,000,000

Amount Committed to date = Ksh. 21,000,000.

The department has identified other 90 health facilities earmarked for renovation in Phase III and IV in the fourth coming FY 2018-2019.

List of pending bills from the previous FYs

The Departmental pending bills are as follows;

Recurrent pending bills-

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|----|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | FY 2013/2014 | Ksh. 42,368,102 |
| 2. | FY 2014/2015 | Ksh. 40,628,694 |
| 3. | FY 2015/2016 | Ksh. 46,354,923 |
| 4. | FY 2016/2017 | Ksh. 4,614,234 |

Total Recurrent Pending bill as at 8th June 2018 is **Ksh. 133,965,953**

Development pending bills-

- | | | |
|----|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | FY 2013/2014 | Ksh. 195,037,002 |
| 2. | FY 2014/2015 | Ksh. 13,707,858 |
| 3. | FY 2015/2016 | Ksh. 6,038,394 |

Total Development Pending bill as at 8th June 2018 is **Ksh. 214,783,254**

Total Pending Bills- Ksh. 348,749,207

Proposed Departmental Budget as per the ceilings

The approved CFSP ceilings for department were Recurrent Ksh. 3,538,127,656 and Development Ksh. 695,850,722. The FY 2018/2019 Budget Estimates for the Recurrent is Ksh. 3,777,594,952 and Ksh. 771,008,643 for development expenditure.

Challenges

The Department's main challenges are inconsistent cash flows and non-implementation of the Machakos Health Management Regulations, 2015 (FIF).

Sectoral Committee recommendation

1. The Sectoral Committee recommended that FY 2018/2019 Budget Estimates be aligned to match with the approved ceilings.
2. On the pending bills, the Committee recommended that the Department start to offsets the smaller bills as they endeavor to offset the rest.
3. The Committee raised concern on implementation of the Facility Improvement Fund.
4. The Sectoral Committee recommended that donor funds meant for hospitals be used for the specific purposes.

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker, the sectoral committee established that the Board was well within CFSP ceiling in development expenditure of Ksh. 6,314,855. However, on the recurrent, the Board surpassed the CFSP ceiling of Ksh. 44,401,387.

On the development budget, the CPSB informed the committee that it intends to construct toilets at its offices at a cost of Ksh. 400,000, Purchase a van to assist in mobility at Ksh. 4 million and acquire a staff portal at a cost of Ksh. 1,414,148.

Pending Bills

The CPSB has a pending bill of Ksh. 4,979,767 dating back to the year 2014. The committee inquired as to why a pending bill payable to Asonics Live (K) Ltd for supply of computers and ICT equipment had not been cleared since the year 2014. Commissioner Philip Nzioka confirmed to the committee that the computers and ICT equipment currently in use at the County Public Service Board offices were supplied by the said company. The committee urged the CPSB to ensure that the pending bills are cleared so as to avoid unnecessary pain and inconveniences to the suppliers.

Wage bill

The committee noted that the County Public Service Board has a total of 27 employees with an annual wage bill of Ksh. 34 million.

Challenges facing the CPSB

CHALLENGE	IMPACT	RECOMMENDATION
1. Lack of enough personnel	Delayed service delivery and lack of proper evaluation	Employment of at least five positions as indicated in the organogram
2. Transportation	Reduced field work	Purchase an office van
3. Lack of training	Lack of staff efficiency and effectiveness	Provide adequate funds for training in the budget
4. Lack of office space	Inadequate space for work and storage of documents	Completion of stalled office block

BUDGET COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of Order by Hon. Kiilu.

Hon. Kiilu: Actually, the budget is so good and sweet that as much as a follow up, actually there is poor lighting in this room. Not unless I am suffering alone, I cannot see properly. So, we are requesting that we be provided with better lighting system in future. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, I hear you but let us allow the member to continue and finish the report as you might recommend the issues you have raised will be addressed. Continue, Hon. Member.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly received a Second Budget estimates which were submitted to the Assembly on 18th June, 2018. The Committee agreed to go by the First Budget Estimates submitted on 30th April, 2018 and cited the following:-

- (i) The second budget estimates had not been subjected to public participation.

- (ii) The second budget estimates is against the law as it was submitted later than 30th April, this year.
- (iii) The second budget was not in line with the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2018/19 approved by the Assembly.
- (iv) The departments had been rearranged with some sections being moved from one department to another thus distorting the ceilings of the CSFP. Names of the departments had been changed and were different from the First Budget Estimates submitted to the Assembly and committed to the Budget and Appropriation committee.
- (v) The budget FY 2018/ 19 had a conditional grand of Ksh. 1,018,320,500 which had been reallocated to all departments to fund various projects the funds were meant for Kenya rural projects Spatial planning for Machakos, Mavoko and Kangundo/Tala. The funds were recovered from the respective department votes including office of the Governor.

The Committee recommends to this Hon. Assembly to approve the First Budget Estimates submitted to the Assembly as per the law on 30th April, 2018. The directorates relocated to other departments should continue getting funding from the previous departments.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, the after interrogating sectoral committee reports considered the views of the public and recommends the following be undertaken in the FY 2018/2019:

LOCAL REVENUE

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that local revenue be stated at Ksh. 1.728 billion for the FY 2018/19.

The committee recommends that the resource envelope will consist of **Ksh. 10.711** Billion equitable share from national government and **Ksh. 1.728** Billion from local revenues making a total revenue of **Ksh. 12.439** Billion.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Hon. Speaker, the Office of the Governor was allocated Ksh. 628,768,696 constituting of Ksh. 605,718,696 for recurrent and Ksh. 23,050,000 for development. The Committee recommends that development expenditure in the Office of the Governor be reduced from Ksh. 23,050,000 to Ksh. 6,825,000.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ICT, LABOUR

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department was Ksh. 838,162,972 that constituted 816,427,972 as recurrent budget and Ksh. 21,735,000 for development. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 816,427,972.00 to Ksh. 433,735,950.00. The Committee further recommends that the Development Expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 21,735,000.00 to Ksh. 12,700,000.00

The committee recommends the installation of CCTV cameras in one market center per ward at a cost of Ksh. 200,000 translating to a total cost of Ksh. 8,000,000 as per projects (Annexure 1).

TRADE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization amounted to Ksh. 528,034,623 constituting of Ksh. 215,010,753 for recurrent and Ksh. 313,023,870 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 215,010,753.00 to Ksh. 135,110,600. The Committee further recommends that the Development Expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 313,023,870.00 to Ksh. 91,575,000.00

The Committee recommends construction of the attached projects; (Annexure 2)

- (i) Two market sheds, a model as proposed by the area citizens, for each ward at the cost of Ksh. 500,000 translating to Ksh. 40 million.
- (ii) Construction of three *boda boda* sheds for each ward at the cost of Ksh. 50,000 translating to Ksh. 6 million
- (iii) Construction of two public toilets for each ward at a cost of Ksh. 500,000 translating to Ksh. 40 million.

The total sum for the cost of the above projects in the 40 wards will be Ksh. 86,000,000.

FINANCE AND REVENUE MANAGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the total allocated budget for the department of Finance and Revenue management is Ksh. 490,610,255 constituting of Ksh. 426,985,255 for recurrent and Ksh. 63,625,000 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 426,985,255 to Ksh. 393,941,268 while that of Development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 63,625,000 to Ksh. 11,801,000.

1. Committee observed that the Department had purchased vehicles in the FY 2017/18 and hence the procurement of vehicles be scrapped.
2. The committee recommends that the department procure a software to manage revenue which was more important.

DECENTRALIZED UNITS AND URBAN AREAS

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department of decentralized units and urban areas is Ksh. 580,240,298 constituting of Ksh. 538,545,920 for recurrent expenditure and Ksh. 41,694,378 for development. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 538,545,920.00 to Ksh. 374,833,441.00 while that of Development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 41,694,378.00 to 31,000,000.00

The Committee recommends purchase of two vacuum exhausters in the County at a cost of Ksh. 16 million and the purchase of 20 trailers for garbage collection to be trailed by farm tractors at a cost of Ksh. 500,000 each translating to Ksh. 10 million.

(Applause)

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, WATER AND IRRIGATION

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, water and irrigation is Ksh. 1,091,504,943 constituting of Ksh. 507,406,604 for recurrent and Ksh. 584,098,339 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 507,406,604 to Ksh. 502,632,973 and the Development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 584,098,339 to Ksh. 665,611,142.

The Committee recommends the increase in the Development expenditure to facilitate the projects in Annexure 3.

Hon. Speaker, that carries projects under the water and irrigation department for each ward and showing the cost for each project. The projects contained in the annexure include boreholes, their reticulation, water pans, weirs, dips seeds, fertilizers and artificial insemination.

Hon. Speaker these include;

- (i) Purchase of subsidized seeds and fertilizer at a cost of Ksh. 50 million.
- (ii) Rehabilitation of one cattle dip per ward at a cost of Ksh. 500,000 translating to Ksh. 20 million.
- (iii) Distribution of water otherwise known as reticulation which includes installation of a water tank and piping at Ksh. 1 million per ward translating to Ksh. 40 million.
- (iv) Drilling of two new boreholes per ward at a cost of Ksh. 3 million per borehole translating to Ksh. 240 million.
- (v) Construction of four weirs per ward at Ksh. 250,000 per weir translating to Ksh. 40 million.
- (vi) Construction of a new dam or de-silting of dams at Ksh. 3 million of construction of three water pans per ward at a cost Ksh. 1 million each translating to Ksh. 140 million.

The total cost for all the above projects in all the wards as per attached schedule will be Ksh. 535,400,000.

HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department of health and emergency services is Ksh. 4,563,603,595 constituting of Ksh. 3,792,594,952 for recurrent expenditure and Ksh. 771,008,643 for development. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 3,792,594,952 to Ksh. 3,545,367,364 while that of Development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 771,008,643 to Ksh. 748,444,409.

The Committee recommends the construction of the following projects as per attached; (annexure 4); it shows the hospitals that need to be constructed or renovated, completed or equipped;

- (i) Construction of two new health facilities per ward or completion of ongoing facilities and equipping at a cost of Ksh. 6,000,000.
- (ii) Purchase of ten ambulances fully equipped at a cost total Ksh. 90 million.
- (iii) Emergency and disaster management projects including of construction of emergency station a cost of Ksh. 15 million.

In line with the Big 4 Agenda the committee has given health sector a priority as follows:-

- (a) Allocation of drugs doubled from Ksh. 85 million in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 170 million in 2018/19.
- (b) Laboratory supplies increased from Ksh. 0.5 million to Ksh. 3 million.
- (c) Food rations more than doubled from Ksh. 4.7 million in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 10 million in 2018/19.
- (d) X-ray supplies increased by more than ten times from Ksh. 300,000 in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 10 million in 2018/19.
- (e) Orthopedic and physiotherapy supplies increased from Ksh. 150,000 in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 1 million in 2018/19.
- (f) Sanitary cleaning supplies doubled from Ksh. 500,000 in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 1 million in 2018/19.

- (g) Fuel doubled from Ksh. 1.2 million in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 2.4 million in 2018/19.

The above, when implemented, should help health facilities to smoothly render services to the people of Machakos.

(Applause)

ROADS, TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

Hon. Speaker, the total allocation budget for the department of roads, transport and public works is Ksh. 1,472,107,564 constituting of Ksh. 243,730,708 for recurrent and Ksh. 1,228,376,856 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 243,730,708.00 to Ksh. 187,097,783 while that of development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 1,228,376,856.00 to Ksh. 1,436,297,233.

This is to enable the facilitation of the projects as per (annexure 5). It shows the names of roads in each ward and their requirements. These roads require:

1. Grading/ murraming/ culvert works and drifts of 20 Km road per ward at the rate of Ksh. 1 Million per Kilometer translating to Ksh. 800 million.
2. Purchase of new three graders at a cost of Ksh. 12 million each translating to Ksh. 36 million.
3. Purchase of three dozers at a cost of Ksh. 8 million each translating to Ksh. 24 million.
4. Completion of tarmacking of Kivandini-Masinga road Ksh. 55 million.
5. Non-residential buildings at Ksh. 35 million.
6. Payment of pending bills at Ksh. 55 million.

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for the department of education and social welfare is Ksh. 309,782,180 for recurrent and Ksh. 74,213,500 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 309,782,180 to Ksh. 295,221,490 and development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 74,213,500 to Ksh. 289,295,000.

The committee recommends the following as per the projects contained in Annexure 6 that shows the ECDE classes in each ward that require construction and the total cost and youth polytechnics that require renovation or construction and their total cost. These projects include;-

- (i) Construction of two ECDE classes per ward at Ksh. 650,000 translating to Ksh. 52 million.
- (ii) Rehabilitation of one polytechnics or construction of a new polytechnic at the cost of Ksh. 3 million each translating to Ksh. 120 million.

The total cost for the above projects in the forty wards is Ksh. 224,000,000. The Committee further recommends that;

- (i) ECDE fees support program a provision of Ksh. 50 million being ECDE fee support.
- (ii) Employment of ECDE four teachers per ward at a cost of Ksh. 39 million.
- (iii) Bursaries for Secondary school students at Ksh. 120 million.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, the PWDs and other marginalized group in our county have not been left behind and the budget committee has allocated---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: I stand on a point of order; that aware that Standing Order 27(2) provides that the House shall adjourn at 6.30 p.m. for the afternoon sitting. Aware that Standing Order 27(3) provides that the house may resolve to extend its sitting time. Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires that a motion for extension of time at least 30 minutes before the time appointed for adjournment, Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that the House resolves to extend sitting time to complete the business that is ongoing.

(Applause)

I call upon Hon. Margaret Mwikali to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwikali.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Owing to the fact that this is a very serious matter and the Hon. Members are really up to the task I do stand here to second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwikali.

(Question proposed)

You may continue, Hon. Chair.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, I continue and before the short break I had mentioned that the budget committee has proposed to allocate people living with disabilities (PWDs) have been allocated Ksh. 10 million, Women Ksh. 5 million, the elderly Ksh. 5 million and Orphans Ksh. 5 million totaling to Ksh. 25 million.

(Applause)

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Speaker, the total budget for the department of Department of Land, Urban Development, Energy and Natural Resources is Ksh. 367,970,310 comprising of Ksh. 101,605,337 for recurrent and Ksh. 266,364,973 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 101,605,337 to Ksh. 97,200,337 while that of Development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 266,364,973 to Ksh. 1,054,320,500.

The Committee recommends the following as per the projects contained in Annexure 7 which shows areas where rural electrification project will be carried out and we have allocated one transformer per ward.

- (i) Installation of five flood lights (*Mulika Mwizi*) per ward at a cost of Ksh. 100,000 each translating to Ksh. 20 million.
- (ii) Installation of one transformer for rural electrification per ward at Ksh. 400,000 translating to Ksh. 16 million.
- (iii) The rest of the funds to be spend on Kenya rural project as per the conditional grant of Ksh. 1,018,320,500 to cover Machakos at an allocation of Ksh. 303,557,400, Mavoko with an allocation of Ksh. 273,505,700 and Kangundo/Tala Ksh. 463,320,270

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORTS, CULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

Hon. Speaker, the total expenditure for the department of Tourism, Sports, Culture and Co-operative Development and Marketing is Ksh. 111,892,947 comprising of Ksh. 85,233,835 for recurrent and Ksh. 26,659,112 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 85,233,835 to Ksh. 81,269,662 and similarly that of development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 26,659,112 to Ksh. 14,918,784. We look at the County Public Service Board.

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker, the total budget for County Public Service board is Ksh. 52,111,724 comprising of Ksh. 45,796,869 for recurrent and Ksh. 6,314,855 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 45,797,069 to Ksh. 41,397,784.00 and that of Development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 6,314,855 to Ksh. 2,014,855.

The committee recommends that the Funds allocated for development be utilized specifically to pay pending bills in the department. Hon. Speaker, we look at the County Assembly.

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker, the total proposed budget for the County assembly is Ksh. 1,102,041,139 comprising of Ksh. 884,541,139 for recurrent and Ksh. 217,500,000 for development expenditure. The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be increased from Ksh. 884,541,139 to Ksh. 936,776,339 and development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 217,500,000 to Ksh. 236,000,000.

The county recommends construction of buildings for the Speaker, official residence at Ksh. 50,000,000, construction of non-residential buildings in each ward at Ksh. 100,000,000, purchase of ICT networking and communication equipment (Networking/Communication equipment) at Ksh. 15,000,000 and refurbishment of buildings for renovations of the Chamber at Ksh. 2,000,0000.

The committee recommends an allocation of Ksh. 8,000,000 for purchase of a lift and sound proofing of the conference rooms at the new building. Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly's recurrent budget of Ksh. 936,776,339 includes Commission on Revenue Allocation

ceiling of Ksh. 831, 776,339 and Ksh. 95,000,000 for other transfers and Ksh. 20,000,000 to pay the suspended staff.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Speaker, the budget estimates received from the executive on 30th April 2018 were not aligned to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper ceilings for fiscal year 2018/2019. As such the committee guided by section 131(3) of the Public Finance Management Act that states that any amendment to the budget estimate may be made by the County Assembly only if it is in accordance with the resolution adopted regarding the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

The committee made amendments to align the budget estimates to County Fiscal Strategy Paper. Hon. Speaker, the Committee therefore requests this House to resolve as follows:

(Applause)

- a) That the House adopts this report;
- b) That the proposed amendments to the proposed 2018/2019 budget as contained in this report be adopted;
- c) That the schedules attached to this report be the basis for the appropriations for the 2018/19 budget.
- d) That projects should be implemented as per funding voted in the budget.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to sincerely thank members of the public who took time to participate in the consultations and whose views we have taken into account in this report. In addition to this and, as required by the Standing Orders, the Committee held fruitful discussions with all the Departmental Committees regarding the budget proposals of the various departments.

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is also grateful to the various Sectoral Committees and all the Members of the County Assembly who participated in the process for their hard work and dedication in making sure that the Assembly plays its rightful role in the budget making process.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to emphasize that the budget oversight is a continuous process which should not come to an end with the adoption of this report. I therefore urge Members to play their role and to continue demanding reports on quarterly performance from the various departments they oversee.

Lastly, Hon. Speaker, the Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the continuous and relentless support received as it discharged its mandate. It is therefore my pleasant duty, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, to table this Report and recommend it to this Hon. House for consideration and adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Ndambuki for the very detailed and elaborate way you have presented the budget and members I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Members you may contribute to this motion. Hon. Betty

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to take this opportunity and congratulate the budget committee for the wonderful job they have done and I want.....it is just simple because according to the report they have given to us, us as Hon. Members we were here, we did confirm with our development and our projects that we need to be done to our electorates and of which it is confirmed.

I stand to support the report and I want to ask this Hon. House to approve it so that we can give back to our electorates. But one thing I want to say is that Mr. Speaker, us as an Assembly, I am 100 percent sure that we are going to adopt or else to support this report but now it will remain to the executive whereby they are supposed to implement every project as per each department the way it has been given.

So, I want to stand and support the report and say it is a great job and now it is for us now to play our role; to do the oversight and let us do according to the will of our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon Speaker: Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I want to thank the budget committee as a whole and also the chairman for giving us the best budget ever that the committee could ever give to this House. Mr. Speaker, in future, I request that we have some energy drinks for these long motions...for the chairpersons.

(Laughter)

Secondly, I am sure that if this budget is well implemented, Machakos County will be the best place for a case of study and also the best place for benchmarking in terms of ward projects. Mr. Speaker, as I went through the budget, I have seen that the least each ward would get not less than Ksh. 50 million if this is implemented which is very much far from the Ksh. 20 or Ksh. 30 million Mr. Speaker, we have been pushing for.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, also I want to congratulate the committee of budget for recovering the Ksh. 1.08 billion which was meant for the three municipalities Mavoko, Machakos and Kangundo/Tala from the main budget. Mr. Speaker, not forgetting that we have got some pending bills amounting to Ksh. 868,458,566 we need to urge the certain departments to make sure that they pay the bills in bits.

Mr. Speaker, also we have seen that the budget has prioritized a lot in the health sector whereby we hope we will do away with these issues of downing tools by the doctors or unpaid salaries; congratulations to the budget committee. Also may be Mr. Speaker, we could have been given some clarity on the point of persons willing with disabilities, I have seen that they have given us Ksh. 10 million and then they specified for women, elderly and total orphans.

They need to tell us the Ksh. 10 million who are the beneficiaries of the Ksh. 10 million, Mr. Speaker.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, on the point of observations, the chairman said that he would urge members to continue demanding reports on the quarterly reports. Mr. Speaker, my committee where I chair the Ward Development Fund will be tabling a motion to this House for renaming the same to be Ward Projects committee to enable the committee to be able to follow up the projects as given in the budget.

(Applause)

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, as I beg to sit, maybe I would request that you consider us signing that session for the extension for the purpose of motivation to the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Peter Mutiso.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is just to congratulate the committee for the good work done and also the members who participated on the same, as the chairman said even also the members of the public. Mine is just to correct to do some correction on annex 1. D002 number 14, it is CCTV at Baptist. When, Mr. Speaker, it is written Baptist, it can mean either church or anything else but it is Baptist primary school and also already existing ones; that is if it is the CCTVs it means not in this school but Machakos Town.

That is what I wanted to make as correction, Mr. Speaker. Any way is a good budget for us if it will be good, if it will be well implement. What I want to caution is that as I have seen it was done by members who are gurus of finance and I have seen that there must be a trap for the implementation team; if they divert some money to other areas this is a trap so they may be jailed. So, we must be serious and if you have some relatives on that side, advise them not to divert this money; this is a trap. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I must applaud this committee for work well done, I can see this is a Mwananchi-oriented budget but I have some observations where I do not know it was a typing error or what. That goes to page 27, the first paragraph where we have the department of urban development, energy and natural resources; the allocation is Ksh. 367,970,310 but down there you will find the last sentence, while that of development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 266,364,973 to Ksh. 1,054,320,500 so I think that is an error that should be corrected because the ceilings or the total allocation for the department is Ksh. 367 million.

Then again on page 25, we have---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Muendo, point of order. Hon. Steve, please resume your seat.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This budget is good but there are some typos, and I want to seek guidance from you whether we continue that way because I have seen even my ward there is some problem. We must look for a way forward how we are going to do it because if we continue like that we will stay here up to tomorrow.

So, I think, I seek guidance from you, Mr. Speaker for these what has been not captured go because we know there was a lot of urgency and also the typos; we look how we are going to have do it either tomorrow or we go with this budget tomorrow we come with what we feel is not good. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, thank you Hon. Member. Let me give guidance on that; remember today we are only debating on the budget itself. If you have noted, my recommendation on this because there would may be several of them and you note there are issues which are errors of omission or commission which have been made on this document and it would be important for you to note it and please let it be given to the Clerk Assistant of the budget committee and he should be able to make that adjustment.

Remember, tomorrow we will come to go to the committee of the entire House to be able to make now the real Appropriations Bill. So, these issues that we need to make sure they are typos here and there adjustments here and there on that document, I would recommend you note them and for purposes of saving time, if when you speak out you can just say I have an adjustment on this page which I will forward to him for purpose of capturing that on the HANSARD so that we know there those amendments coming but do not go ahead and elaborate.

Just say there is this error; I have noted here and pass it to the Clerk Assistant for him to be able to adjust it. Thank you, Hon. Member's for correcting that oversight. Hon. Steve, you may continue and conclude.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think if so then I am okay there several of them that we needed to correct but what I would say is budget is best, it is very good so I have to recommend and applaud that budget committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I begin joining my colleagues really congratulating and applauding this very great committee for work well done. You look at this report, Hon. Members, you find that a lot of energy, a lot of work a lot of scholarly work has gone to it, a lot of time and therefore it is my pleasure to congratulate this committee for giving us the first kind of the report that we require in this House.

Actually, we have never had reports like this before; I have been in this House and before, we never had reports like this. This is a very good report where you can get what you want in a very simple way but let me say that it is not in vain that we have reports like this. I represent this 41st ward in this Machakos County, known as the PWDs, persons with disabilities and for the first time I can see you have given a foot note, a rider where in page 26, where the committee has recommended that persons with disabilities will have an allocation of Ksh. 10 million to be able to perform their welfare and make a lot of development.

Going forward, Mr. Speaker and members of this House, we know previously we had challenges on the same where money is allocated and money is money never seen. I do not know how that works, money is allocated and never seen and therefore it is upon us as members of this Hon. House that we take our work and our mandate as Hon. Members to oversee to make sure that every money that is allocated finds its way to the program or project that it has been allocated for.

Therefore, I would call upon members we make sure, I do not know which ways we will use but going forward, I think things might become even better for us in Machakos County if the way I am seeing signs happening, it will be good. Therefore, of course, I have seen a lot here; I want to remind members and also the budget committee that in every ward is around Ksh. 50 million going to every ward, this 41 ward is only receiving Ksh. 10 million and therefore going forward you remember us to make sure that we also get more money.

Actually, I had proposed for about Ksh. 150 million considering I am in your ward, I am in every ward and therefore we need more money going forward. So, please next time as you sit down, as a committee in this House, know of course you have persons with disability in your wards, we have so many, we have the deaf, we have the albino, we have the physically-challenged, we have the dumb and so many and therefore to reach those people, we need a lot of facilitation and a lot of money.

So, therefore, let it not be my voice alone, a lone ranger voice, let us be passionate to meet the needs; I believe this devolution came to make sure we reach those people down there especially those people who have a lot of need and my constituency is one of them but I am very happy for what has been allocated.

I am very sure this will be a good starter so that going forward we will also see the needs that arise out of it and therefore we will be able to allocate more money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamulu.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is one of the best budgets, actually according to what the most of the members have said because this tendency of saying a certain region has received more development than the other has been checked in this budget. In fact, there is equitable distribution of development in all the wards so I commend the committee for that reason.

Mr. Speaker, there is an omission as far as my ward is concerned in annex 2, D003 where Upper Kaewa /Iveti is not captured that is market sheds; Kithunguini market and also Kaewa market. Also toilets like Kithunguini market and Kathalani market. Mr. Speaker, that is the observation which I have seen the need to present so that I can give it to be included. Otherwise, I support the report.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamulu. Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye. I would like to applaud the committee for the good work done. Mine is an observation; some things were omitted and it is good to be actually taken note. In education, in my ward I had indicated that I need an ICT

centre in Muthetheni town, also on the education sector, I needed a school for the people with disability at Kyaume in Kionyweni sub-location and also in environment, Muthetheni project for earth dams have been omitted and therefore is good also to be taken note.

Taking to consideration that this is a well-articulated budget, it is my prayer that our executive is going actually to implement what we have done and give us the better results that we expect. It is good also to note that in sports, owing to the fact that we are going to the CASA games and on the department of sports, no monies were allocated; it is good for the budget committee that they have noted the same and given or allocated some amount for the sports and culture.

On the same, I have noted that there is an annex which is showing for the County Assembly suspended workers to be paid Ksh. 20 million which I did not understand and with your guidance, I would like to know who are the suspended workers so that we may read from the same page.

Otherwise, I stand to support this budget, it is Mwananchi-oriented and we expect as much as the Assembly, we are going to look for the oversight part of it that the executive should implement so that our people can get the right services that they require. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Tariq Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mine is to congratulate the budget committee and I wish Mr. Speaker to get some clarification from your Chair because if we go to annexure 4, you will find that like in number 26, there are some projects there from my area and I can see some of them some hospitals there they have been indicated zero, I do not know what this means; I can see several of them they have zero they have no allocation at all and some of us we do not know the meaning of that. Otherwise, thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information, Hon. Member.

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to inform the Hon. Member from Masinga that if every ward has been allocated Ksh. 6 million and after the lapsing of the Ksh. 6 million is where you find zero allocations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mulatya, you are guided?

Hon. Mulatya: Yes, well-guided. Thank you Hon. Masesi. I think this report the Hon. House has done its part; it is one of the best actually. It is that now to the executive, I know we have been having some problems here and there before but the way this report is, so well elaborate and clear. I wish to caution the executive on time that they should not bring complications; they just implement this well-elaborated, well-planned budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Fred.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me thank this committee of budget through our able chair Mr. Dominic and also you Mr. Speaker. I think some people here were God sent;

this is the best budget we have in Kenya. People are laughing at Machakos County but if this budget is implemented as it is, we will transform Machakos County within the first financial year and then again is very good because this is the first budget of the Second Assembly and you have done wonders.

(Applause)

So, we thank you. What I will just question the executive, let them implement, the Assembly has done its job now it is the work of the executive to implement and then again we should look at quality because last Assembly or last term, there were ambulances which were bought in every ward 40 of them but now we have invested again Ksh. 90 million for ambulances. Let us go for quality so that next time we do not go back to the same, same thing. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by thanking the committee for the good work that they have done to prepare this elaborate report which has captured our interests in our wards. I want to thank them for allocating more funds to health sector, agriculture and also on water because these are key areas that are touching the livelihoods of our people within our wards so I thank you very much.

I have also some omissions within my ward, more so on health centers, ECDE; there are some ECDE centres that need renovations so I would request to see the Clerk Assistant so that we distribute the funds allocated to the ECDEs that need renovation because I do not need construction. We have some roads which are also missing in annex five within my ward so I will address them.

Otherwise, thank you so much for the good work that the committee has done for addressing issues that are touching our hearts. Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for that opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Dan.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want first of all to applaud the committee which I am a member, we have done a lot, I know what all we have gone through and I also take this opportunity to appreciate our chairman because of the commitment he showed during the process of preparing this budget document.

Mine is an omission on my ward and on the same as our Majority Leader had indicated, I think our Clerk Assistants could do a very simple job as in you make sure in all sectors each, because we have 40 wards we have 40 wards taken care because I have also seen in very many sectors that you have like 32 wards; so it means eight of the wards have not been captured.

So, I think it would be simple if our Clerk Assistants could see each sector to have 40 wards indicated here in every sector and also if probably one ward is not captured, the Clerk Assistant on that department can make a follow up from the Mheshimiwa, probably do a call then engage him or her to handle the issues where that area has been omitted.

In my area, annex 2 where we have the market sheds and *bodaboda* and the market planning; it is not captured. So, I would request the Clerk Assistant to see whether they can capture all the wards in all sectors.

The other issue is to request all members of this House to make sure all this is implemented and when we have such a budget, I want to support Mheshimiwa Muthoka what he has said; we look keenly on quality because you all bear witness that this kind of budget is a very different document from what has been happening in this House, I believe even from the previous House.

So, if we do not monitor and go for quality, probably quality will be compromised so it is important that we work as a team and ensure that if it is murraming, it is purely murraming, if it is culvert we do all culverts in all roads. So, I think, I request my Hon. able MCA, Mheshimiwa Kamitu to make sure that we enforce this and make sure quality is followed. Thank you and thank you for my committee and my chairman and I still give special recognition of Mheshimiwa Museku for his professionalism when we were doing this budget.

(Applause)

Thank you very much Mheshimiwa Museku; God Bless you. Thank you for being there for Machakos County; thank you Hon. Members. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for also giving me time to say something on this report. I also want to start by heavily thanking the committee for coming up with a budget which is very fair, which is touching everybody. If it is implemented that way, I think everybody has a chance of smiling when we come to the end of our term. It is a very balanced and it is a very balanced budget which has considered all the sectors; I cannot complain.

If I want to touch on my area, I will politely go and see the Clerk Assistants and may be arrange or query what I have for different sections only to have a special request on page 13 where we have review on the financial year 2017/2018 budget that is the police housing Mavoko which was to cost Ksh. 30 million and some work has been done up to 45 per cent of it; it is my humble request to all the committee members since this project has started, this project will take care for the welfare of the policemen---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Mbevi first.

Hon. Mbevi: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to correct the member because I think that one is under national government because that money is from my docket and I am not ready to part with any cent to direct it to an area where it is under national government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisini, you are guided accordingly.

Hon. Kisini: Yes but I am not fully because I also have a say in it; it is under national government but whoever had put it there had an initiative and a motive and---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Margaret.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for a chairman of a committee in the name of Hon. Kisini to stand up and start insisting that this House errs or goes wrong in committing funds in a mandate that is not its own. Two, is it okay for us because we meet with the national government in the community, they can do their mandate, we do our mandate and we meet somewhere doing the work of the community.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker I beg to ask Hon. Kisini who is the chairman of environment to stick to the mandate of this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisini. Let me give guidance on this so that we do not dwell on it, the issue of police housing or national police is purely clearly a national government issue.

(Applause)

I think you are discussing it because you can see it was included in this report which came through the executive, as a proposal, but as you have heard from the chair of that specific department, they looked at the issue and the committee directed that it is a national matter issue.

Therefore, what we need to do on our side is to try and go through the inter-governmental relations and pick up that issue at that level to enable it to be awarded more funding for it, through the national government so that we can be able to concentrate the little resources we have I believe in projects that are within the county government of Machakos level. Thank you, Hon. Member. I think you may conclude on the same.

Hon. Kisini: With all due respect, Hon. Members, Mr. Speaker and the Chairman of the Budget, I will oblige to that but still raise us more concern. It is also good to save because here we have spent Ksh. 17,000 (??) and we want to wash it like that because it belongs to the national government and those houses become a white elephant; I do not think it is in order.

Hon. Masesi: Point of information.

Hon. Kisini: But I have said that, I withdraw but I was also trying to request the committee, this sentence that the committee court called for the immediate termination of the contract and a direction of the fund. I was only humbly requesting for a reconsideration bearing in mind money has already been spent, we only need to finish up that project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Member. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want first of all to thank the chairperson budget for the good work. In fact, he has---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I would just like to make a point before you. It is important to ensure that we maintain quorum in the House so that we can be able to finalize on this important report and we do not have to repeat the same process tomorrow. So, I would request Members to be patient enough so that we can be able to finalize on this report, have it passed today if it is possible because remember tomorrow, we need to go to the committee of the whole House. Members, let us keep that in mind. Thank you.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was saying I am congratulating the Chairperson of Budget committee with his team for the job well done. Mr. Speaker, if we have had something good, this is the best. The best budget and I want to say this is our first born because it is the first budget since we came to this House and we need to nurture this budget and ensure that whatever is captured in this budget is implemented to the letter.

Mr. Speaker, the budget has tackled almost every department so there is no cause for alarm; if education is well taken care of, bursaries; water everything so I want to commend this budget.

The other thing that I would like to say is only an omission; on the side of Matuu there was a motion that was passed and a report was brought to this Hon. House by Hon. Kisini on tapping water Yatta canal, Mamba area to Matuu. I think it is not captured in this budget, I do not know whether if it is an omission so I would request when we came here to confirm the projects that we gave we also forwarded the same.

So, I would request this Hon. House, I would request the Speaker to allow for the inclusion of that particular project on this budget.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would request Hon. Members to have a positive attitude; let us not have a negative attitude. I am very sure we are elected by the electorates to come and serve them the only people who are elected in Machakos County Assembly are the Hon. Members, the MCAs---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order, Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: I would like to know from the Member, whether he is in order when he saying that we have a positive attitude towards this budget yet when you look at the side of the minority which represents the executive, there are no members who are supposed to actually support this document. Mr. Speaker, I think that Member is out of order.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think that should be a point of information not a point of order. You may proceed, Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. When I talk of attitude, it is good that we believe things will be done. If we start by saying things will not be done, I am very sure we are going nowhere. I was saying the only people elected in Machakos County are only the MCAs and the Governor; not these other officers, the Chief Officers and other officers are not elected and we have the duty and the obligation to ensure that whatever we pass in this budget is implemented.

So, if it is not implemented, it means now the Assembly is not doing its work. Hon. Members, let us pull our socks and ensure all what is captured here is done and is done in good faith.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kamitu, I would like you to conclude so let me start with Hon. King'ori then we come this way and then we will finish with you. Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want also to recommend and to say this report is good, this budget is good. One, it has touched in all the lines but there is are a few omissions and a few clarification, I would like to do to the Clerk Assistant later on; like I do not need a class in St. Francis because I have already built one so that should not be mistaken that the Governor has built it so I wanted to change it to Joska market.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My point of order is in regard to the one I respect Hon. King'ori. As the Budget Committee, it is important that you are mentioning on a certain project that you did, so I do not understand where the Governor's name comes in because if it is an obligation or a *harambee* done by your community or you build it, we should give you some reward but where does the Governor's name come in. So, he is also contradicting himself. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Kamitu. Hon. King'ori, you may proceed.

Hon King'ori: Thank you. I would like that to be changed from St. Francis to Joska market where we need a nursery school there, so I need an initiative class not at St. Francis. I also want to go to the page on roads, there is one road that does not even exist in Muthwani because there is nothing like Uani; that one I will also go to the Clerk Assitant and change it and number four.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon King'ori. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to congratulate the chairman and his committee. Mine is very brief; there is a project called Kyaka and it is not captured, Kibauni water project. I would like the Chairman of Budget committee to do something in that project because it was already given to the Clerk Assistant.

There is another project, like women and PWD kids and total orphans. I would also humbly request, when the requirement of women, if it is groups, all the MCA to be involved because we are elected and we know the vulnerable families and the vulnerable children.

Another one is bursary; if the bursary is there, please I would also request to be given as soon as possible because there are a lot of children or students who are at home because of school fees. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support the document because it is very elaborate and it is very good for everyone and I think this is our time to give the people of Machakos services without any discrimination and also request the Hon. Members; let us support the county

government so that it can give our people service delivery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anastacia. Hon. Nziva, Hon. Member from Ikombe.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to applaud the committee, where I am also a member for burning the midnight oil to have this wonderful report before us. I would like to thank even the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for allowing Members to have public participation in all the 40 wards because Members have aired their views for this wonderful budget.

You realize that our budget has to avoid supporting on items or services that contribute to attaining our financial goals so I believe this is the best budget ever and I urge Members to adopt this budget because our focus should be to those who elected us and residents to this wonderful county and I beg to support it.

It also supports the Big 4 Agenda which the national government is also doing so this is the best budget ever. Thanks to even for the secretariat for budget committee, Mathew and the team for really assisting us in coming up with this budget. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, may I take this opportunity, on a very sincere note, to appreciate for a well done job which was done by the budget committee and remembering very well as our Deputy Speaker, and you as a member of that committee and through the chair of the committee you used to invite me in various meetings when the budget committee were carrying out this useful and very tiring task.

Above all, Mr. Speaker, I have gone through this report and as I said I also followed through when we were having these various committees and this is a very good budget, a very good report and actually it is representing all the departments and again Hon. Members, you remember we interrogated, the various officers and the CECs in regard to their various departments and it is just the same as I said that it is a well-covered budget where if it is going to be carried the way it is, all sectors and all the departments will be seen and all the projects will be carried out.

So, my humble request, Hon. Speaker, is that people are not pointing fingers but they are mentioning my name, Hon. Kamitu as the Minority Leader; yes it is in good faith but equally as the Minority Leader, I would appeal and request this Hon. House that we should work to other as a team and again our Implementation Committee, this is the committee, Hon. Speaker, that should be given the task that money that has been budgeted to any project, the Implementation Committee should be tasked by this House to be moving around and ensuring that whatever money that has been given to a certain project in every ward is well catered for is in any case done---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Minority Leader that always this side of the House where by we have the majority of the House, we are always positive. It is only the

minority side that will come back and deny the same budget they have passed. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I do not know if that was a point of information, but Hon. Kamitu just proceed please.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for really sparing that and showing that it is not the minority; it is the work of the whole House. It is the work of this Assembly as I said to join hands to ensure things are moving because I am not saying the majority or the minority, I am saying an Hon. House of Machakos that has a committee of implementation where Members of the Majority, Members of Minority are in the team so it is the work of the Implementation Committee that things that have been budgeted are going to be done exactly how the budget committee has presented and in honor of this Hon. House of 2018-2020 (??).

So, in comparison to the previous ones because I was in the previous Assembly, this is a well done job by the Budget Committee; so equally as I said, I do not want to repeat myself, we should take the task as an Hon. House so that at the end of everything, the service delivery to personnel of Machakos County to have been taken.

Otherwise, for the purpose of the as you directed Hon. Speaker, some omission in Tala ward is that looking at it in page seven of the annex 5, I would like to point out on some omission that were carried out that is on page seven; Serial 1, that is Miseleni Silanga road where in the requirement you omitted culverts.

In serial number two, in the same area in the column of requirements, you omitted drifts and culverts. In serial number three, column one, it Sengani secondary school to Kikaatini road. Also in serial five, in same column is Ngona-Muselele-Mukalwa-Mbioni road.

When you go to serial number seven, it is well numbered but they jumped instead of writing serial number 8 they went to 9; so it is serial number eight that should be per the requirement, culvert, grading and drift. There is an area that needs drift in the Ndaoni-Ngomoni primary Kwa Katatha- Katine road because there is Katine road and where it crosses there is a drift that is required because during the rainy season there kids who move from Syianthi the and when there is a lot of rain, I mean the school children are hampered and they don't cross. So, if a drift is going to be done, it will save that situation.

Serial number nine, it should be Tala-Misuuni-Kathithyamaa road; you delete Ngona-Sengani-Mukalwa that is serial number nine and in the requirements you add you because you omitted culvert and murrarming.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, I think you will forward them to him for the sake of time.

Hon. Kamitu: On that note Hon. Speaker, they omitted serial number 11. I will take the seat and say thank you and well done job by the Budget Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Musyoka and then from there I will request the Chairperson to respond.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. Let me start by thanking the chairman and his team for this good job done and I think it is time for this County Assembly to support this report because when you see where we started this process, the public

participation process when we involved the public they knew what they wanted and they forwarded those needs to this House.

I think now we also need to go to the second step of involving the public on when the project are being done so that we have project management committees so that there are able to support the work we are doing and they know the monies which are for them the Ksh. 12 billion have gone to where they can account for because they are also the taxpayers, they are our employers and we have to involve them through public participation all the process through identification of need implementation and all through.

I think, it is important we note and we have seen that the sectors of all the departments in our County have been given money and now the wards are going to develop very well and every need and most needs of our people have been taken care of. So, through their participation, they have forwarded their needs and now it is up to this House, through its committees, the relevant committees to oversight this budget and to see this budget is implemented as it is.

We have to start by asking for work plans from July; you start by work plans so that you may see if there is anything to do with tendering process where it start and where it ends. Where does this project start and ask for every necessary item so that we may move forward.

The other thing is on standards; the executive comes up with standards of what to do. We cannot have such a good budget and we do not maintain standards; if it something for government it should have standards. If it is a dam, it has the outlets and all those dams should have fences so that we secure the place and does not become a risk area to our people.

So, I think through the committees, even if we the members see the problems, it is also important that we channel them through the committees so that they hold the Chief Officers to account so that by the end of the financial year, this budget is implemented fully and we would have changed the face of Machakos County.

Mr. Speaker, thank you and thank you members for the support and I think this is the way to go. The other time, will continue improving and I know we will get far. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vice chairperson for your elaborate contribution. Hon. Ndambuki, you may respond please.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to sincerely thank the Budget committee, first for their tireless contribution. Hon. Speaker, the whole of last week has been full of activities for Budget committee as they tried to put together the information you required to make this report. I also wish to thank the House and in particular the Hon. Members for supporting as the Budget committee to make sure we deliver the budget proposals for the Fiscal year 2018-2019 for our county.

If it were not for them, pushing us perhaps it would not be a success as it is. To our Clerk Assistants, who have supported us we say thank you and may God bless them. May God make Machakos County great. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair of Budget Committee.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Before I adjourn the House, I would like just to make a few comments. Before we move on to the next motion, I would like to make a few comments on the same and this is on the very important issue which has been raised by most of the Members as far as the implementation is concerned. I believe from what I have seen here the house has come up with a very detailed budget report which has been itemized and like most Members has pointed out, implementation is key.

We need to hold the CECs and COs of the various departments accountable. We need to come up with implementation schedules of these projects which are already highlighted and identified and give them to each CECs and CO and those schedules need to be followed up on the quarterly reports, the implementation committees need to take up those schedules and ensure that they use them as the basis of following up of implementation of these projects.

Such a detailed budget which has been made by this Hon. House, it would be disgraceful for it not to be implemented to achieve its intended purpose of uplifting the life of our people in this county. If you look at the total budget which is coming from all those figures, you will realize that out of the total Development Budget more than Ksh. 2.2 billion is going to go to our wards for the first time ever.

This needs to be followed through so that we can ensure that our people get what they deserve, we need to have zero tolerance on non-compliance on implementation of this budget.

(Applause)

If there are any issues which might arise after this budget, we need to remember that we always have the supplementary budget where we can be able to take any omissions which might have been raised in this. Therefore, I believe as the budget committee we will be able to look at all these issues. After that I would like to request the Clerk to move on to the next Order. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

BILL

First Reading

MACHAKOS COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2 OF 2018

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have the Machakos County Appropriation Bill; First Reading to be done by the Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 119, I beg to table the Machakos County Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 2018 to this Hon. House for the First Reading. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: This House, Hon. Members stands adjourned to Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 2018 at 10 a.m.

The House rose at 7.17 p.m.