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Special Sitting

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The House met at 11.09 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members. So, we can start our sitting this morning; I will do the necessary communication under the communication part.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
WELCOME REMARKS TO SPECIAL SITTING

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this particular Order I want to start by welcoming you back to today's special sitting as I am going to elaborate. I am also note and appreciate the presence of the members of the Fourth Estate in the gallery and I welcome you and thank you for walking with the county Assembly in disseminating information to the public and I encourage you to continue remaining truthful and dedicated to that commitment. Receive the appreciation of the Members.

I also note the presence in the gallery of a fine lady one Vivian, an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and for the time being she is the one assisting the Speaker in the office of the Personal Assistant to the Speaker. I hope that she will also do her work according the call of service to the public through the institution.

BUSINESS FOR THE SPECIAL SITTING

Hon. Members, on the communication that I have; the special sitting that we are having today is informed by the provisions of Standing Order 26(1) and (2) of this House which states that

1. Whenever during a session the House stands adjourned whether or not a day had been appointed for the next meeting, the Speaker may appoint a day for a special sitting of the House-

- a. On request of the Leader of the Majority party or the Leader of Minority Party appoint a day for a special sitting of the House;
- b. On the signed request by Members not less than a third of the Membership of the Assembly and such a request shall be addressed to the Speaker. Upon receiving the above, the Speaker may allow a request and:
 2. If the Speaker is satisfied with the business proposed to be transacted is urgent and exceptional.

Hon. Members, you recall that the Assembly suspended its business on 30th March, 2021 following the 15th Presidential Address on Covid-19 situation in the country which was given on 26th March, 2021. In that address, the President gave directions particularly under part 13(5) that ordinary sessions of the August Houses and those of their committees and the ordinary sessions of the County Assemblies of Nairobi, Machakos, Kiambu, Kajiado and Nakuru be suspended until further notice.

Hon. Members, under Section 117 of section 1 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the County Treasury is required to prepare and submit to the County Executive, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and thereafter it is submitted to the County Assembly by the 20th of February each year.

Further, Section 116 of the same Act provides that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly, the County Assembly is to consider and may adopt it with or without amendments.

Hon. Members, pursuant to these provisions, the County Assembly received the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2021 on 28th February, 2021 from the County Treasury and the same was committed to the relevant committee of Budget and Appropriations Committee for processing.

Hon. Members, under Standing Order 116 of this House, no Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly unless such a Bill has been published in the County Gazette and in the Kenya Gazette and the seven days for the County Revenue Fund Bill, Appropriation Bill or Supplementary Appropriation Bill and 14 days for the case of other Bills. I am referring to this Hon. Members because as you can see on our Order Paper, there is also a process of legislation which we are going to address today.

Further, Standing Order 119 provides that every Bill shall be read for the first time without motion made or question put. In addition, Standing Order 120(1) provides that a Bill having been read a first time shall stand committed to the relevant sectoral Committee without question being put.

Hon. Members, you recall Standing Order 116, two Bills; The Machakos County Abattoirs Bill, 2020 and The Machakos County Tax Waivers Administration Bill, 2020 were published on 25th January, 2021 and they are due for the First Reading in compliance with the timings. These Bills need to be processed on the First Reading so that we are within the law on legislating of those Bills.

So, Hon. Members, you will note that the CSFP and those Bills are key issues that this Assembly needs to address even in the situation prevailing of lockdown in this county among other four because of the coronavirus pandemic. That informs the need for today's special sitting, knowing that the CFSP guides the process of budgeting and we are supposed to be working expeditiously so that we have our Appropriation Act for the next financial year by the 30th June, this year. So, it was necessary and important that we hold a special sitting today.

Under Standing Order 26(3), the Speaker is required by notice in the Kenya Gazette to notify the Members and the general public of the place, date and time appointed for the special

sitting. In accordance with that this special sitting is convened pursuant to Gazette Notice No. 3733 issued on 23rd April, 2021.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 26(4) requires whenever the House sits for a special under sub order, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on that day for the days appointed for the special sitting. And that would only be the business that is going to be transacted during the special sitting. So, Hon. Members, accordingly, the business that we gazetted for this special sitting as follows;

1. The Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2021.
2. The Machakos County Tax Waivers Administration Bill, 2020 (First Reading) and I want to emphasize on this particular Bill and the need to fast track its legislation for the reason that the business community in the country and particularly in the County has suffered immensely because of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. So, Members, you were kind enough to consider the people of Machakos County and to recommend tax waivers in certain areas so that you can promote and assist the business community and at the end assist the public at large.
3. The Machakos County Abattoirs Bill, 2020; equally urgently required to be legislated for the reasons of obtaining the abattoirs in this County and concerns of the public health because the abattoirs provide food by way of meat to the public.
4. Any other business that may be considered pursuant to Standing Order 151(5)(d), (e) and (f) of the Standing Orders as may be admitted by the Speaker. I have not been requested to admit any business under that clause and so we only have three businesses that we are going to transact today.

CONTAINING THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

Hon. Members, I want to thank you for the continued cooperation that you have shown in adhering to the public health guidelines issued by the ministry of health to contain the spread of Covid-19 particularly in this County.

It is through that cooperation that the Assembly has recorded minimal cases of infections but we want to remind ourselves that we have already had staff that have suffered the infection, we have had Members starting with me and we also other MCAs who have gone through this infection and as we are talking, some of them are still getting medical attention.

So, Hon. Members, through your ambassadorial role, sensitization and role-modelling, the county continues to fight the spread of the pandemic. I want to emphasize that the Covid-19 reality is very much still with us and we have been affected in one way or another. You know a family, a friend or a relative who has suffered and some losing their lives. So, we need to keep guard and not dropping it at any one time. Therefore, I urge all Hon. Members that we continue sanitizing, wearing masks properly, washing our hands regularly and talking to the public, our relatives and friends to adhere to the Covid-19 regulations.

You appreciate you have been seeing clips of what is happening in India and it will be very unfortunate if we were to go that route. Remember that India is one of the countries with very advanced medical care and all of us want to go there when we have issues. They have good supply of medicine but they have been overwhelmed by the pandemic.

For us Hon. Members who are having problems with our health systems, let us try and just play safe. I want to remind you that there is a county coronavirus committee that sits every morning virtually; it is normally chaired by the Governor and I am a member and the County Commissioner is a member and other leaders in the county are members.

Every day we are getting reports on implementation of the containment measures that are in place. We are getting reports of arrests that are being done every other day for people who are contravening the Covid-19 regulations in place and It is sad that it is turning out the youth in particular are the culprits mostly. Remember they are the energetic sector of our population and they go far, they take to their parents and families. So the spread will continue until we comply with the regulations.

So, I want to bring to your attention that there are arrests being made and notify members of the public that arrests are being made if you are not wearing a mask or if you are not wearing it properly. Arrests are being made if you are 60 per cent of passengers in every public service vehicle and arrests are being made for any hotels that are operating and selling food; cafeterias are supposed to be take away and those who are selling alcohol similarly.

So, Members, be ambassadors to the public; there is a sensitization program that is being prepared under the office of the County Commissioner and it is supposed to be aired in the media; FM stations and Television, whatever publications. I made a request yesterday that Members of this Assemble be involved in that sensitization. So, once we get it finalized; it is being prepared by the communications department in the County Executive, I will communicate it to you and see how you Members can make that impact from where you come from.

I know that has affected our physical sittings and I have been getting requests; remember when we closed I said we will only have physical sittings when it is necessary and it is not me, I am just following the directives from the President and the Ministry of Health.

So we still have that opening; if there is a meeting that must take place physically, let me know because I know the Budget Committee has been meeting because of processing the CFSP. I know Hon. Maitha requested for the Justice and Legal committee because of processing some Petition that is urgent and on request by a member of the public. So any business that is urgent, let it be brought to my attention and I will organize for the physical sitting but in all, the Covid-19 regulations must be complied with.

What we will do today's know you have not gotten your supply of the masks; the program that we had to keep you safe, and the staff in your ward offices; you will get the supply today before you go remember to check with the procurement office and you get the usual four boxes; and a bit of sanitizers for your safety. But remember this is not for the public, we cannot afford, much as we want to assist the public. What we have done as the County Coronavirus Committee is to call for donation of masks and sanitizers and other things that can fight Coronavirus in the county.

We are getting reports, yesterday we got a number of donors giving the masks and thank you Hon. Angela, through her institution the county got donation of oxygen cylinders. So if you know any member, businessperson or any institution that can assist this county please come forward like Hon. Angela did.

So, when those masks come, we will ask the Governor a share to you Members so that you can take it to your public and share with them even as you tell them to keep safe. Hon. Members, that is the communication on Covid-19.

RESUMPTION OF PLENARY SITTINGS

Members, remember we are still adjourned *sine die* that is without a date unless a need arises when we set a date like today. I note that as per our calendar, we are supposed to go on recess from 6th May but remember that has been disrupted by the adjournment which we are in now. So, after this sitting, the adjournment *sine die* will continue until we get further communication either

from the office of the President or from the Ministry of Health on the containment measures that are in place in the County among the other four.

Meanwhile, when we have an urgent business to transact, we will just do it as we are doing today. Thank you very much, Hon. Members.

(Applause)

PAPER LAID

APPROVAL OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR 2021/2022

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2021 which is a report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2021. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR 2021/2022

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business again by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) informs the county budget proposals for the year and outlines the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide in formulation and implementation of the County budget for the coming year and the medium term;

Aware that the County Treasury, pursuant to Section 117(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012 is mandated to prepare and forward the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) to the County Executive Committee for approval and subsequently submit the approved CFSP to County Assembly, by 28th February of each year;

Noting that the 2020 Machakos CFSP is the third in the County's plan period 2018-2022 and that it was submitted to the County Assembly on 28th February 2021 and was committed to the committee on Budget and Appropriations on 3rd March, 2021; Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2021.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki.

BILLS

First Readings

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY TAX WAIVERS ADMINISTRATION BILL 2020 (KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.10 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILLS No. 6)

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY ABATTOIRS BILL 2020 (KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.11 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILLS No. 7)

(Orders for First Readings read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Committees)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR 2021/2022

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Under this, we have one business by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) informs the county budget proposals for the year and outlines the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide in formulation and implementation of the County budget for the coming year and the Medium Term;

Aware that the County Treasury, pursuant to Section 117(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012 is mandated to prepare and forward the Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) to the County Executive Committee for approval and subsequently submit the approved CFSP to County Assembly, by 28th February of each year;

Noting that the 2020 Machakos CFSP is the third in the County's plan period 2018-2022 and that it was submitted to the County Assembly on 28th February, 2021 and was committed to the committee on Budget and Appropriations on 3rd March, 2021; Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2021.

I call upon Hon. Angela Munyasya to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ndambuki.

THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2021

1.0 OVERVIEW

Hon. Speaker, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a budget preparation document which is submitted to the County Assembly on or before 28th February every year as per Section 117 of the PFM Act, 2012. It outlines broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guides the County Governments in formulation of the upcoming budgets. It is an equivalent of the budget policy statement in the National Government.

The CFSP reflects sector ceilings and derives its information and data from the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, Annual Development Plan and County Integrated Development Plan. The 2021 CFSP will thus inform formulation of the FY 2021/22 Budget Estimates.

Hon. Speaker, the 2021 CFSP was submitted on 28th February, 2021 in line with section 117 of the PFM Act, 2012 and committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee on 2nd March, 2021. Section 117(6) of the PFM Act, 2012 stipulates that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the Assembly, the County Assembly shall consider and adopt it with or without amendments. The County Treasury shall consider any recommendations made by the County Assembly when finalizing the budget proposals for the fiscal year 2021/22.

1.1 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee derives its mandate from standing Order 186(3)(a) which states that “there shall be a Select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee which is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget.”

Hon. Speaker, the main objective of the committee is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and that the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker, the committee as constituted by this honorable Assembly comprises of the following Members.

1. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki	Chairman
2. Hon. Angela Munyasya	V/ Chairperson
3. Hon. Paul Museku	Member
4. Hon. Winnie Mutua	“
5. Hon. Thomas Mutinda	“
6. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki	“
7. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva	“
8. Hon. Moffat Maitha	“
9. Hon. Daniel Mbevi	“

2.0 RATIONALE AND LEGAL BASIS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CFSP

Hon. Speaker, the legal framework underpinning the 2021 CFSP is articulated in Section 117 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012. The Act requires the County Treasury:

- i. To submit the CFSP to County Assembly by 28th February of each year. This is after it has been approved by the County Executive Committee.
- ii. To align its CFSP with the National objectives as contained in the Budget Policy Statement.
- iii. To specify the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the County Government in formulating budget for the coming financial year.
- iv. To include in it the financial outlook with respect to County Government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the coming financial year.
- v. When preparing the CFSP to take into account the views of the CRA, Public, any interested persons/group and any other forum that is established by legislation.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Sub-section 6 of Section 117 of PFM Act 2012, not later than fourteen days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly, the Assembly shall consider and may adopt it with or without amendments. The County Treasury

should publish and publicize the County Fiscal Strategy Paper within seven days after it has been submitted to the County Assembly as provided under Section 117(6).

3.0 RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

Hon. Speaker, the CFSP reflects that as it happened at both the National and global level, the County economy was greatly affected by the emergence of Covid-19 and whose continued stay has also continued to affect economies worldwide.

The County Government commits to implement projects and programs geared towards restoring and safeguarding the county's economic stability which will also support growth and eventually reduce the levels of unemployment and poverty within the county. This will be done despite the presence of the containment measures instituted by the National Government to contain the spread of Covid-19.

4.0 FISCAL POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK

Hon. Speaker, in line with the Constitution, the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, sets out the fiscal responsibility principles to ensure prudent and transparent management of public resources. The PFM law in Section 15 states that:

1. Over the medium term, a minimum of 30 per cent of the National/County budget shall be allocated to development expenditure.
2. The National/County government's expenditure on wages and benefits for public officers shall not exceed a percentage of the national/county government revenue as prescribed by the regulations.
3. Over the medium term, the National/County government's borrowings shall be used only for the purpose of financing development expenditure and not for recurrent expenditure.
4. Public debt and obligations shall be maintained at a sustainable level as approved by Parliament and County Assembly.
5. Fiscal risks shall be managed prudently.
6. A reasonable degree of predictability with respect to the level of tax rates and tax bases shall be maintained, taking into account any tax reforms that may be made in the future.

4.1 PERFORMANCE REVIEW - FY 2020/21 APPROVED BUDGET ESTIMATES

Hon. Speaker, the revised total Budget Estimates for the current fiscal year is Ksh. 13.9 Billion (initially approved amount was Ksh. 11B) and has been financed as follows:

Equitable Share	Ksh.	8,961,934,976
Grants	Ksh.	3,226,877,395
Own Source Revenue	Ksh.	1,729,798,232

4.1.1 Equitable Share

Hon. Speaker, the County received Ksh. 3,225,768,000 from the National Treasury during the 1st half of the financial year, which represents 36 per cent of what is expected, and leaves 64 per cent to be released in the 2nd half of the FY 2020/21.

4.1.2 Grants

Hon. Speaker, in the current FY 2020/21, the County received Ksh. 277,914,093 under grants of various types; this represents 9 per cent of what is expected. The balance of 91 per cent will be received in the 2nd half of the FY.

4.1.3 Own Source Revenue

Hon. Speaker, the County has in the 1st half of the FY 2020/21 collected Ksh. 417,422,311 out of a target of Ksh. 1.7 Billion; this represents a performance of 24 per cent. Generally, the County has received Ksh. 3.9 Billion (in the first half of the FY) against an annual target of Ksh. 13.9 Billion; this represents a funding level of 28 per cent.

4.1.4 Expenditure

Hon. Speaker, the total expenditure (of amounts received) in the 1st half of the financial year was Ksh. 3.7 Billion, and out of this amount Ksh. 2.9 Billion (which represents 79 per cent) was utilized to fund recurrent items, while Ksh. 0.78 Billion (which represents 21 per cent) was used to fund development programs.

4.2 RESOURCE ENVELOPE FOR FY 2021/22

Hon. Speaker, the proposed County Resource Envelope for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 will be as follows:

Equitable Share	Ksh. 9,162,304,232 (79%)
Own Source Revenue	Ksh. 1,764,394,197 (15%)
Grants	Ksh. 716,595,744 (6%)
Total Resources	Ksh. 11,643,294,172

Hon. Speaker, the equitable share will increase to Ksh. 9.1 Billion from the current amount of Ksh. 7.75B, under the own source revenues, the county projects to collect Ksh. 1.76 Billion in the fy 21/22 as opposed to the current financial year's projection of Ksh. 1.72 Billion, while under grants, the county will receive Ksh. 716 million in the coming fy as opposed to the Ksh. 3.22 Billion for the current Financial Year.

Hon. Speaker, the committee notes that the National Treasury has proposed that some existing conditional grants be converted to unconditional allocations and disbursed as part of equitable revenue share; these are Roads Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF), the grant to Level-5 hospital, Compensation of User Fee Forgone and the rehabilitation of Village Polytechnics Grants.

The County Executive is proposing to use the above resources and that is Ksh. 11.6 Billion as follows:

- a. Recurrent Spending Ksh. 8,150,305,920 which is 70 per cent of the total budget.
 - Compensation of Employees Ksh. 6,167,725,100 which is 53 per cent of the total budget.
 - Use of goods and services Ksh. 1,982,580,820 which is 17 per cent of the total budget.
- b. Development Spending Ksh. 3,492,988,252 which is 30 per cent of the total budget

In relation to the fiscal responsibility principles, the County Treasury proposes to allocate 30 per cent of the total revenue on development expenditure while compensation to employees stands at 53 per cent. The allocation of compensation to employees has violated regulation 25 (b) of the PFMA 2012 which sets it at a maximum of 35 per cent of total revenue. However, the proposal of

the County Treasury relating to development expenditure is in line with Section 107 of the PFMA 2012, which sets it at a minimum of 30 per cent.

5.0 PROPOSED SECTOR CEILINGS FY 2021/22

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury in its submitted CFSP had proposed the sectoral ceilings as shown in the table below and I would wish that Members look at it.

Table 1: Departmental Revised Budgetary Allocations (FY 20/21) and Proposed Budgetary Ceilings (FY 21/22).

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Dominic, because of the importance of this Paper, just say briefly and in summary what are the Members look for in that Table; what comparatives do they need to look for. What are the red flags they need to look for without reading the figures; just guide them and later they will be able to look at it.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you. Madam Speaker under that Table, we are giving the County entity and the Proposed Budget Ceilings - FY 2021/2022 and the totals are indicated at the bottom.

County Entity		Revised Estimates FY 2020/2021	Proposed Budget Ceilings - FY 2021/2022
Office of the Governor	Recurrent	554,115,826	399,538,460
	Development	3,305,675	3,080,367
	Total	557,421,501	402,618,827
County Public Service Board	Recurrent	41,923,882	10,917,101
	Development	5,365,801	-
	Total	47,289,683	10,917,101
Roads, Transport and Public Works.	Recurrent	187,940,664	51,536,964
	Development	1,054,310,852	1,717,391,128
	Total	1,242,251,516	1,768,928,092
Health and Emergency Services	Recurrent	3,896,786,964	513,039,280
	Development	446,140,498	475,000,002
	Total	4,342,927,462	988,039,282
Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development.	Recurrent	265,401,501	190,325,036
	Development	332,950,883	450,224,267
	Total	598,352,384	640,549,303
County Assembly	Recurrent	911,145,156	841,145,156
	Development	375,777,380	50,100,940
	Total	1,286,922,536	891,246,096
Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources	Recurrent	103,631,038	28,934,818
	Development	480,698,487	500,141,311
	Total	584,329,525	529,076,129
Finance and Economic Planning.	Recurrent	468,847,343	5,777,098,063
	Development	26,367,654	27,560,987
	Total	495,214,997	5,804,659,050
Public Service, Quality	Recurrent	890,672,457	155,431,845

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County Entity		Revised Estimates FY 2020/2021	Proposed Budget Ceilings - FY 2021/2022
Management and ICT	Development	32,537,674	9,329,343
	Total	923,210,131	164,761,188
Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture.	Recurrent	114,697,964	49,156,785
	Development	140,402,609	50,091,066
	Total	255,100,573	99,247,851
Trade, Industrialization and Innovation.	Recurrent	260,146,671	24,952,021
	Development	95,305,998	80,021,732
	Total	355,452,669	104,973,753
Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare	Recurrent	344,879,621	38,704,996
	Development	220,880,523	60,102,833
	Total	565,760,144	98,807,829
Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.	Recurrent	199,637,582	32,181,457
	Development	1,877,602,835	50,003,715
	Total	2,077,240,417	82,185,172
County Administration and Decentralized Units.	Recurrent	546,355,993	37,343,939
	Development	40,781,071	19,940,561
	Total	587,137,064	57,284,500
Total Recurrent		8,786,182,662	8,150,305,921
Total Development		5,132,427,940	3,492,988,252
Total County Allocation		13,918,610,602	11,643,294,173

Hon. Speaker, as per the above table, the Committee notes that the Compensation to County employees has been consolidated under the department of Finance and Economic Planning. The committee in its recommended ceilings has put the sectoral salaries back to the respective departments as shown in the table below. This is to promote accountability and transparency in paying of salaries to County employees.

The revised figures are in the Table that follows and it takes the shape of the former Table. However, we have added another column for salary adjustments and how we spread the salaries.

County Entity	Type	Proposed Ceilings FY 21/22 (CFSP) (Ksh)	Salaries Adjustments (Ksh)	Adjusted Ceilings 2021/22 (CFSP) (Ksh)
Office of the Governor	Recurrent	399,538,460.00	165,570,038. 00	565,108,498.00
	Development	3,080,367.00	-	3,080,367.00
	Total	402,618,827.00	165,570,038. 00	568,188,865.00
County Public Service Board	Recurrent	10,917,101.00	28,846,099. 00	39,763,200.00
	Development	-	-	-

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	Total	10,917,101.00	28,846,099.00	39,763,200.00
Roads, Transport and Public Works.	Recurrent	51,536,964.00	145,741,550.00	197,278,514.00
	Development	1,717,391,128.00	-	1,717,391,128.00
	Total	1,768,928,092.00	145,741,550.00	1,914,669,642.00
Health and Emergency Services	Recurrent	513,039,280.00	3,373,212,111.00	3,886,251,391.00
	Development	475,000,002.00	-	475,000,002.00
	Total	988,039,282.00	3,373,212,111.00	4,361,251,393.00
Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development.	Recurrent	190,325,036.00	193,213,749.00	383,538,785.00
	Development	450,224,267.00	-	450,224,267.00
	Total	640,549,303.00	193,213,749.00	833,763,052.00
County Assembly	Recurrent	841,145,156.00	-	841,145,156.00
	Development	50,100,940.00	-	50,100,940.00
	Total	891,246,096.00	-	891,246,096.00
Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources	Recurrent	28,934,818.00	75,137,837.00	104,072,655.00
	Development	500,141,311.00	-	500,141,311.00
	Total	529,076,129.00	75,137,837.00	604,213,966.00
Finance and Economic Planning.	Recurrent (O&M)	80,680,033.00	385,114,140.00	465,794,173.00
	Recurrent - PE	5,696,418,030.00	-	-
	Development	27,560,987.00	-	27,560,987.00
	Total	5,804,659,050.00	385,114,140.00	493,355,160.00
Public Service, Quality Management and ICT	Recurrent	155,431,845.00	363,918,728.00	519,350,573.00
	Development	9,329,343.00	-	9,329,343.00
	Total	164,761,188.00	363,918,728.00	528,679,916.00

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Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture.	Recurrent	49,156,785.00	89,859,698. 00	139,016,483.00
	Development	50,091,066.00	-	50,091,066.00
	Total	99,247,851.00	89,859,698. 00	189,107,549.00
Trade, Industrialization and Innovation.	Recurrent	24,952,021.00	51,570,846. 00	76,522,867.00
	Development	80,021,732.00	-	80,021,732.00
	Total	104,973,753.00	51,570,846. 00	156,544,599.00
Education , Skills Training and Social Welfare	Recurrent	38,704,996.00	292,069,480. 00	330,774,476.00
	Development	60,102,833.00	-	60,102,833.00
	Total	98,807,829.00	292,069,480. 00	390,877,309.00
Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.	Recurrent	32,181,457.00	56,007,195. 00	88,188,652.00
	Development	50,003,715.00	-	50,003,715.00
	Total	82,185,172.00	56,007,195. 00	138,192,367.00
County Administration and Decentralized Units.	Recurrent	37,343,939.00	476,156,559. 00	513,500,498.00
	Development	19,940,561.00	-	19,940,561.00
	Total	57,284,500.00	476,156,559.00	533,441,059.00
Total Recurrent		8,150,305,921.00	5,696,418,030.0 0	8,150,305,921.00
Total Development		3,492,988,252.00	-	3,492,988,252.00
Total County Allocation		11,643,294,173.00	-	11,643,294,173.00

I request the House to look at the column for the adjusted salary ceilings for each department.

Hon. Speaker: And your proposals are guided by what?

Hon. Ndambuki: Our proposals to adjust salaries are to ensure each department takes accountability for the salaries for its employees, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Ndambuki: The 2021 CFSP shows that the County intends to use Ksh. 8.15 Billion in the FY 2021/22 on recurrent expenditures (70 per cent), whereby out of this amount Ksh. 6.1 Billion will go towards Employees Compensation which is Personnel Emoluments, Ksh. 1.8 Billion towards the use of goods and services, while Ksh. 0.156 Billion which is a grant from the World Bank will be used to support programs under the sector of Agriculture and Cooperative Development.

Hon. Speaker, the committee further notes that the County Executive intends to spend Ksh. 3.49 Billion in the FY 2021/22 on development projects representing 30 per cent of the total budget; out of which Ksh. 2.9 Billion will be used in the Acquisition of non-financial assets. The balance of Ksh. 575,624,310 represents grants, which will be used as follows:

- a) Ksh. 400,276,438 grant from the World Bank, to support development programs under the sector of Agriculture, Food security and Cooperative Development.
- b) Ksh. 175,347,872 which comprises Ksh. 22,050,000 grant from DANIDA to support Healthcare programs under the sector of Health and Ksh. 153,297,872 which is meant for Medical Equipment Leasing under the same sector.

6.0 SECTORAL COMMITTEE INTERROGATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly Sectoral Committees together with Sector Chief Officers interrogated the various departmental budget ceilings on 22nd and 23rd March, 2021. The sectoral committee reports were then forwarded to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration

7.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article 196(1)(a) and (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 120(3) of the Standing Orders, the Clerk placed an advertisement on *the Standard Newspaper* dated 11th March, 2021 inviting members of the Public and Stakeholders to submit their views on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2021; whereby written memoranda and recommendations were to be forwarded to the Clerk of the County Assembly on or before Monday, 22nd March, 2021 by 5.00 p.m.

The stakeholders and groups with special interests were further invited for a meeting with the Budget Committee at the Assembly Chambers on Monday, 22nd March, 2021 from 10.00 a.m. to present their views and recommendations.

The Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper was uploaded on the County Assembly of Machakos website <http://www.machakosassembly.go.ke/> to be accessed by the Public

Hon. Speaker, the committee received memoranda from the following:

1. World Vision, memorandum received on 23rd February, 2021
2. Young Professionals for Development, memorandum received on 29th March, 2021.

The Chief Executive Officer for Young Professionals for Development physically presented his views and recommendations before the Committee.

Hon. Museku: Point of Order.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. DS. Hon. Ndambuki, briefly rest.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move a Motion under Standing Order 27 to request for extension of time.

Hon. Speaker, as you are aware Standing Order 27(2) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning 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 the Motion to extend sitting time be moved at least 30 minutes before the time appointed for adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the House resolves to extend its sitting time until the business at hand is completed.

I call upon Hon. Alex Kamitu, the Minority Leader to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Minority Leader Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is a procedural Motion and ordinarily, we do not debate to vote but it is important that we get the concurrence of the Members. Do I get the feeling from the floor both here and in the extend sitting that we should extend time to finalize on the business on the Table. Am I hearing yes?

Hon. Members: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. So the time is extended. Hon. Dominic, proceed.

(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for granting us time to extend and complete the report.

8.0 COMMITTEE'S FINAL RECOMMENDED CEILINGS

Hon. Speaker, after taking into consideration the submissions made during the sectoral interrogations and the public participation, the committee recommends the following ceilings:

Office of the Governor

In the office of the Governor, the proposed ceilings is Ksh. 565,108,498 for recurrent and Ksh. 3,080,367 for development. The Committee recommends the recurrent ceiling to remain as submitted since the same is normally determined by CRA. The CRA is yet to release the ceilings for FY 2021/22 and once released the appropriate adjustments will be made during the budget estimates preparation time.

Public Service, Labor and ICT

Hon Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 519, 350,573 and development ceiling Ksh. 9,329,343. The Committee noted that it had provided for Ksh. 494,

922,269 under the supplementary budget to cater for purported salaries omissions, gratuity, employer's part of the pension contribution, insurance (NHIF) among others. The current ceiling reflects an addition of Ksh. 123 million from previous year's baseline of Ksh. 395 million, the committee recommends reduction of Ksh. 75 million from this department to cater for other departmental recurrent expenditure needs.

The Committee therefore recommends a ceiling of Ksh. 444,350,573 for recurrent and the development one at Ksh. 9,329,343. The recommended total departmental budget ceiling is Ksh. 453,679,916. The key sector priorities here are installation of Wide Area Network and installation/integration of CCTV network along major roads.

Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization

Hon. Speaker, the proposed ceiling by the County Executive for the department is Ksh. 76,522,867 for recurrent and Ksh. 80,021,732 for development. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 6 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to Ksh. 70,522,867 for recurrent ceiling and the development one at Ksh. 80,021,732. Therefore, the recommended total departmental budget ceiling is Ksh. 150,544,599.

The key sector priorities here are construction of market sheds, jua kali sheds, boda boda sheds, modern bus stop sheds, modern kiosks, industrial parks, construction of public toilets among others.

Finance and Economic Planning

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 5,777,098,063 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 27,560,987. The recurrent budget ceiling of Ksh. 5,777,098,063 included the County gross salaries of Ksh. 5,696,418,030 for all departments. This as previously stated was adjusted by the Budget Committee to respective departments.

The committee recommends a further reduction by Ksh. 10 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs hence recommends Ksh. 455,794,173 for recurrent ceiling and development expenditure ceiling at Ksh. 27,560,987. Therefore, the recommended total departmental budget ceiling is Ksh. 483,355,160.

The key sector priorities here are digitize collection and management of Revenue and development of planning documents.

Further, the Committee notes the County Executive did not make a provision for emergencies, and recommends that a provision of Ksh. 100 million be made in the proposed budget estimates to cater for the Emergency Fund.

County Administration and Decentralized Units

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 513,500,498 and development ceiling of Ksh. 19,940,561. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 45 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to Ksh. 468,500,498 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 19,940,561 for development. Therefore, the recommended total departmental budget ceiling is Ksh. 488,441,059.

The key sector priorities here are construction and equipping of sub county/ward offices, purchase of uniforms, dumpsite construction, purchase of compacting trucks, provision of garbage collection bins among others.

Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Management

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 383,538,785 and development ceiling of Ksh. 450,224,267. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 3

million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to a ceiling of Ksh. 380,538,785 for recurrent and Ksh. 450,224,267 for development budget. Therefore, the recommended total departmental budget ceiling is Ksh. 830,763,052.

The key sector priorities here are: provision of certified seeds, subsidized fertilizer, free tractor services, provision of high value crops seeds, soil analysis and testing, provision of extension services, provision of free chicks, livestock disease and pest control, rehabilitate cattle dips/slaughter houses, promote aquaculture development and promote growth of cooperatives among others.

Health and Emergency Services

Hon. Speaker, the proposed ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 3,886,251,391 and Ksh. 475,000,002 for recurrent and development respectively. The committee notes that conditional grants for Level 5 support (Ksh. 383,000,000) and DANIDA (Ksh. 24,000,000) which was previously provided for under conditional grants, has now been included in the Equitable Share. To ensure that these funds are used for the purposes they are meant for, the committee recommends that these funds be budgeted for under the respective vote lines to ensure continuity of services in view of the current Covid 19 pandemic. To ensure this, the committee has provided an additional Ksh. 71,372,602 under this department to bring the ceilings to the level they are in the current FY. The committee therefore recommends the Recurrent Budget ceiling to be Ksh. 3,886,251,391 while the development one to be Ksh. 546,372,604. The recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 4,432,623,995.

The key sector priorities here are reduction of the burden of communicable diseases, improving health infrastructure, strengthening primary healthcare services, provision of adequate health products, supplies among others.

Road, Transport and Public Works

Hon. Speaker, under this County sector, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 197,278,514 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 1,717,391,128. Included in these ceilings was Ksh. 880,000,000 for construction of dual carriage highway linking Machakos town to Kyumbi market and Ksh. 500,000,000 for construction of an airstrip. After deliberations with the CECM and CO, Roads, Transport and Public Works, a consensus was arrived at to spread these projects over a period of 3 years. This was noted as necessary in order to free up funds to finance other needy and more pressing projects considering honorable members term ends in the next one year.

The committee recommends use of part of the freed up funds to finance the following:

1. Under Health Sector, Ksh. 71,372,602 to bring development ceilings to the current year level
2. Under Education sector, Ksh. 79,897,167 to cater for the construction of ECDE classes; and a further Ksh. 57,000,000 to cater for the TVETs Education Support.
3. Under the County Public Service Board, Ksh. 10,000,000 to cater for the construction of offices.
4. Under the County Assembly, Ksh. 254,000,000 to cater for development expenditure.

Therefore, the committee recommends Ksh. 192,278,514 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 1,245,222,299 for development. The recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 1,437,500,813.

Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 330,774,476 and Ksh. 60,102,833 for development ceiling. The committee noted that under Recurrent

Expenditure Ceiling, funds for bursaries had been provided for as per the current year at Ksh. 40,000,000 only. This amount had been provided at that level due to Covid 19 shut down. In the coming financial year, the committee expects the school calendar to continue normally and hence has provided for Ksh. 120,000,000.

Further, the committee notes that conditional grant for TVETs which was previously provided for under grants, has now been included in the equitable share. To ensure that these funds are used for the purposes they are meant for, the committee has included Ksh. 62,000,000 under this department to cater for TVETs education.

Under Development Expenditure Ceiling, the Committee noted that the funds allocated for ECDE classes construction were insufficient and therefore the committee recommends allocation of Ksh. 120,000,000 for construction of 2 classes in each ward.

The committee therefore recommends Ksh. 467,774,476 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 140,000,000 for the development one. The recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 607,774,476.

Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 88,188,652 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 50,003,715. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 8 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to Ksh. 80,188,652 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 50,003,715 for development. Therefore, the recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 130,192,367.

The key sector priorities here are to enhance rural electrification, distribution of more transformers, promote use of biomass as an alternate to wood fuel, installation of *Mulika Mwizis* among others.

Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture

Hon. Speaker, under this sector, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 139,016,483 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 50,091,066. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 29 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to Ksh. 110,016,483 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 50,091,066 for development budget. Therefore, the recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 160,107,549.

The key sector priorities here are to promote sports development, development of film industry, nurturing of talents, construction of theme parks, renovation of rest areas, construction of monuments, document tourist attraction sites, construct team building center, maintain recreational parks etc.

Water, irrigation and Natural Resources

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 104,072,655 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 500,141,311. The committee recommends a reduction by Ksh. 26 million to cater for other departmental recurrent needs to Ksh. 78,072,655 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 500,141,311 for development budget. The recommended total budget ceiling for the department is Ksh. 578,213,966.

The key sector priorities here are to continue to invest in clean water provision by drilling boreholes and rehabilitation of the existing ones, construction of dams and de-silting of the existing ones, construction of gabions/weirs, construction of water dams/pans, construction of elevated water tanks and maintenance of plants and equipment.

County Public Service Board

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County Executive is Ksh. 39,763,200 and nil for development ceiling. The committee noted that no funds had been provided for, for purchase of motor vehicles and construction of offices which the Board requested for during sectoral interrogations. The committee therefore has provided Ksh. 15,000,000 for purchase of vehicles under recurrent expenditure and Ksh. 10,000,000 for construction of Offices under development expenditure.

The committee recommends Ksh. 54,763,200 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 10,000,000 for development. The recommended total budget ceiling for the Board is Ksh. 64,763,200.

County Assembly

Hon. Speaker, the proposed recurrent ceiling by the County executive is Ksh. 841,145,156 and Ksh. 50,100,940 for development. The committee noted that the proposed ceilings by the Executive did not cater for the following:

1. Hon. Members' car loan facility of Ksh. 62,000,000
2. Staff car and Housing Loans Ksh. 30,000,000
3. Anticipated increase in recurrent ceiling by CRA Ksh. 20,000,000.
4. Development expenditure of Ksh. 254,000,000 to cater for finalization of construction of Chamber, Speaker's official residence and ward offices.

The committee therefore recommends Ksh. 953,145,156 for recurrent ceiling and Ksh. 304,000,000 for development after taking into consideration the above provision by adjusting the Executive Departmental Ceilings on a pro-rata basis. The recommended total budget ceiling for the County Assembly is Ksh. 1,257,145,156.

Hon. Speaker, the table below summarizes the ceilings as recommended by the committee:

NO.	DEPARTMENT	RECURRENT BUDGET CEILINGS (Ksh)	DEVELOPMENT BUDGET CEILING (Ksh)	TOTAL (Ksh)
R0001	Office of the Governor	565,108,498.00	3,080,367.00	568,188,865.00
R0002	Public Service, Quality Management and ICT	444,350,573.00	9,329,343.00	453,679,916.00
R0003	Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization	70,522,867.00	80,021,732.00	150,544,599.00
R0004	Finance and Revenue Management	455,794,173.00	27,560,987.00	483,355,160.00

R0005	County Administration and Decentralized Units	468,500,498.00	19,940,561.00	488,441,059.00
R0006	Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative development	380,538,785.00	450,224,267.00	830,763,052.00
R0007	Health and Emergency Services	3,886,251,391.00	546,372,604.00	4,432,623,995.00
R0008	Roads, Transport and public Works	192,278,514.00	1,245,222,299.00	1,437,500,813.00
R0009	Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare	467,774,476.00	140,000,000.00	607,774,476.00
R0010	Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development	80,188,652.00	50,003,715.00	130,192,367.00
R0011	Tourism, Youth Sports and Culture	110,016,483.00	50,091,066.00	160,107,549.00
	Water, irrigation Environment and Natural Resources	78,072,655.00	500,141,311.00	578,213,966.00
R0012	Public Service Board	54,763,200.00	10,000,000.00	64,763,200.00
R0013	County Assembly	953,145,156.00	304,000,000.00	1,257,145,156.00
TOTAL		<u>8,207,305,921.00</u>	<u>3,435,988,252.00</u>	<u>11,643,294,173.00</u>

The total resource envelope has remained unchanged at Ksh. 11,643,294,173

9.0 COUNTY OWN SOURCE REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Hon. Speaker, according to the CFSP 2021, the County Treasury projects to collect Ksh. 1,729,798,232 (in the current FY) under Own Source Revenues, though no data has been provided on what has been collected in the past nine months (from each stream) for the committee to review performance against the Ksh. 1,764,394,197 projected to be collected in the FY 2021/22. It is important to note that the projection for the current year was done prior to Covid-19 outbreak.

The committee therefore recommends that the executive will need to put in place strong revenue enhancement procedures to ensure maximum collection of revenue. The project planned for under department of Finance and Economic Planning of digitization of revenue collection and management will need to be fast tracked.

In conclusion, Hon. Speaker, the County proposes to allocate 53 per cent of its Total Revenue to Employees Compensation. This is in violation of Regulation 25(b) of the PFM Act, 2012 which sets a maximum ratio of 35 per cent of Total Revenue. The committee notes that the major contributor to this is the Department of Health. Various recommendations have been made to the Treasury to consider reclassification of salaries and wages for the Department from being considered as a recurrent item but rather as development one since it caters for the human resource.

However, the County should put in place measures to facilitate the reduction of the Personnel Emoluments to Total Budget/Revenue ratio from the current ratio of 53 per cent to the required ratio of 35 per cent; this will release more resources to development programs in future. Compensation to employees should be budgeted for in the respective departments where the employees are performing their duties and not budgeted for under the Department of Finance and Economic Planning. This will enhance accountability and control in payment of salaries. The CFSP proposes to allocate 30 per cent of total revenue on development budget which is in line with PFM Act 2012.

From an analysis done by the budget committee, the five key revenue streams are quarry, land rates, single business permits, building plan approvals and parking fees. The County gets on average above 75 per cent of its projected own revenues from them hence the need to put in place strong revenue enhancement procedures to ensure maximum mobilization as this will facilitate a seamless implementation of the budget.

The committee notes that National Treasury continues to labor in revenue collection in view of the current covid-19 environment. This has led to delays in release of funds by the National Treasury which has greatly affected implementation of County Programs/Projects. Due to this the committee recommends that only the very needy projects with huge short term impact on our people should be implemented and huge capital outlay projects avoided until the situation normalizes.

The committee noted that the County Executive has not prepared and submitted a Debt Management Strategy Paper as required by PFM Act 2012 and therefore does not expect any borrowings over the medium term.

The committee recommends that all projects undertaken in the current year are paid for during the financial year. To facilitate this, the County Treasury should ensure that all bills for current year are provided for within the financial year to ensure development budget for the next financial year is not adversely affected by pending bills.

The committee recommends that the County Treasury should adhere to the ceilings as set by this Hon. House in the approved CFSP when preparing the FY 2021/22 Budget Estimates as this will facilitate a smooth interrogation of the Estimates.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for facilitating the committee to undertake its mandate. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in physical committee meetings in preparation of this report, despite the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic.

It is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the FY 2021 County Fiscal Strategy Paper before this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, I invite you to debate on the Motion. Hon. Hellen.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this chance to comment on the report of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper done by our committee on budget. First and foremost, I want to appreciate them for good work well done. Key areas that I have noted are, where there was an allocation ceiling of over Ksh. 5 billion to the department of finance which was going to cater for salaries for all the departments of the County and I have noted that they have removed that and redirected to the respective department. That is a milestone; I am very happy about that.

Secondly, I note that the department of education has been given a ceiling of Ksh. 120 million to construct ECDE classrooms. Members you very much know that with Covid in our society, we need to come up with new classrooms that can give enough space for distancing and this money definitely will go towards helping our children.

Another area that I am happy about is the department of health; nobody knows how long Covid is going to be in our midst, so the Ksh. 4 billion allocation will go a long way to assist with the health of our people.

Another area of interest was own-source revenue; there I have a query because we are already coming up with a Bill to allow a regulation, I don't know whether to call it a regulation but to allow our Governor to be able to waive taxes because our business community is complaining due to lack of business and they need to thrive but at the same time if we also continue to waive taxes we are also going to be caught up in a whirlwind where we will not be able to achieve the Ksh.1.7 billion our target for the own source revenue calling for a prudent strategy to look for other areas where we can achieve that own-source revenue.

The other area that I have noted is that it appears like the National Treasury is also taking their time to release funds and that at the end of the day will affect our development because if funds are being released at the last minute, our executive will not have ample time to implement these projects. So I would pray and request both the National Government and County Government work towards ensuring that the release of funds is done on time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Hellen. Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity and let me start by congratulating the Chair and his committee for this good job done Madam Speaker which the committee I am privileged to be a member of. Madam Speaker, we have done a good job and let me say, the CFSP or the ceilings provided are good and are going to take us long way to serving this great County of Machakos. Madam Speaker there is the need to have a CSFP where the budget which is going to be brought in this House will be supporting the fight, we are towards Covid 19.

Madam Speaker, we have facilitated or provided for funds in each department, and it is my request that the County Government factors development which is going to support our people to have some empowerment as we do developments. Maybe, Madam Speaker, in roads we find that

we do the manual reshaping and bush clearing where our people are able to earn because these times of Covid-19 our people don't have income, they are there they have been sacked they are at home and live has to continue.

So, Madam Speaker the budget we are expecting from these ceilings should be supporting our people. Madam Speaker, the other thing is on the support for the CHVs, we have to maintain our CHVs because we have to fight this coronavirus squarely so the support to our CHVs should be continuous and they should be getting their support regularly the stipends which they are supposed to get Madam Speaker.

The other thing is on the village councils; when we have this CFSP, the time we came here the officer who was down to serve the person at the ground was the sub-county administrator but we have gone a long way to have the ward administrators, we have their deputy and the village administrators. Now what remains to have the 2010 Constitution fully implemented is the village council where the Government will be on the ground.

So, Madam Speaker this CFSP we have provided for that and that is what we expect to be brought in this House for approval as a budget. So, Madam Speaker I think the county executive will hear our orders.

Madam Speaker, the other thing is the remember last year we had the Co-operatives Bill where we were expecting to empower people as the Co-operatives Bill. The department concerned should now start funding that Bill so that the people can see the benefits, so that the people can empower themselves, so that people can move ahead and they see the benefits of the efforts we have been doing.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, is on the own-source revenue where I have seen it being targeted as Ksh. 1.7 billion which has been the normal figure which has been being brought here and remember Madam Speaker the other time last year we gave money for Valuation Roll and I expected returns from the Valuation Roll to improve that figure because when you consider Nairobi is growing towards Machakos so I don't know how the revenue is not growing as Nairobi is growing. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Mutinda, Yes I saw the hand of Hon King'ori shoot up first. You will have opportunities Hon. Members. Hon King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the document and also to say that as an Assembly we are doing a good job on when it comes to the matters of the budget but now we have a challenge like the one we have seen here for emergency fund; you don't have yet a Bill in place to put that money where it is supposed to be and we passed that Bill (??). So, I would urge this House to persuade or to force the executive to publish and do the necessary because we have done our work so that we have that regulation published and utilized so that we don't have to be begging when there is an emergency in our area, Madam Speaker.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, I thank the committee for seeing a lot of enormities (??) in the department of education but what I fail to see is that we passed a motion here where we said that we need to feed our children for better education in our areas and I have seen there are no funds which have been allocated for the feeding programs which we passed here in this Assembly. It is very sad to see that the head of that department is doing very badly because what they have given us is not even enough for catering for their remuneration for one year; I think we need a change in that department, Madam Speaker.

Thirdly, Madam Speaker I have seen in the same department that we have so many classes that have been built by this county, but there is no seat, no utility, nothing to sit on, our children are

sitting on the ground yet we don't have any fund for the same, Madam Speaker. I am saddened by that because I know at this state, we have of Covid, we need to think twice, we need to give our children seats first, so we need them to have chairs and tables for them to read comfortably yet the department did not see the need of it. I think also I urge this committee, if they can adjust and give that department other funds for catering for our children, Madam Speaker.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, I also want to say that we have been told by the department of roads of what they are doing. I congratulate the team for seeing so many enormities (??) coming from this department, Madam Speaker. We had allocated Ksh. 150 in the first for feasibility study of the airport; they have put a lot of money but yet there is nothing we can show on the ground on papers, nothing has been reported in this House on how far the department has done on the airport thing. The Governor has good reason to start an airport which is very important on development on revenue but Madam Speaker it is very discouraging to give a lot of money yet you don't have reports on it.

Therefore, I also want to challenge that department to wake up and start working. Our graders have been grounded because of lack of service yet we give this department a lot of money, Madam Speaker. I think it is the high time we demand the right for what we have given and to show back and Madam Speaker there is a problem in this House; when we are requesting for site visits or when we want to interrogate those people, they don't come with the BQs, I don't know that whether that is---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori, don't lament here. I have always told you, you have the powers and the law allows you to make sure that they bring everything you want and that they do everything you want. So now you can leave that line; the power is in your hands.

Hon. King'ori: Madam Speaker, I want to agree then as a House we have failed to ask for those documents and there are people here who are Hon. Members, who are defending the executive when we ask for those documents, Madam Speaker. I don't want to name them because I don't have---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori, bring a motion we discuss.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker; I will do that. Madam Speaker, the last thing I want to say is that I want also to congratulate this team, they have done a good job but I also want to add something on the department of finance and the ICT. It has come to our knowledge that those two departments are trying to take the salaries of other departments to their own benefits yet they are not performing when it comes to the finance on the revenue collection. In fact we should be earning more, leave alone there is Covid because industries are coming in Machakos daily and that is additional revenue so I want to know how far will we be told that the money is not enough yet we have companies that are adding up and we are getting less money, where is the revenue going, Madam Speaker? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Kamitu; I will come to you Hon. Annastaciah and Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon Speaker. Madam Speaker, I will be very brief because for I believe that our committee on Budget and Appropriations sat down with the County Treasury and it has given us the projection for this County Fiscal Strategy Paper so it is on this

strength that even during the report, we heard our Chair of Budget emphasizing on the need of Hon. Members looking at the projected table which of course Madam Speaker it has been summarized, it is giving us you know a way forward in regard to all the sectoral departments as we did the sectoral interrogation.

So, Madam Speaker, having said that, my recommendation on this part is that just to add the county own source revenue projections and that is the executive to ensure that, that recommendation in regard to revenue collection is followed to the note so that we have a maximum collection of the county revenue. It is very important. So, in summary, we have been given the summary of the county and as I said our county, Machakos County Assembly normally works together with the County Treasury so I expect them now to come up with a very comprehensive Budget Estimates before the 30th June, this year. Otherwise, thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Kamitu. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Please speak on the mic because the HANSARD records your contributions.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I want to talk about the agriculture department; I have seen the budget of the agriculture department and I think Hon. Speaker, this is the time this department of agriculture needs to utilize this budget to empower our people. At this moment we experience a lot of global climate change and this is the time our people need to be educated and trained how they can do some empowerment like agribusiness because this Covid-19 has a lot of economic empowerment.

As we see the business is not doing well even the agricultural sector for those who are doing dairy farming, they have no market and I would like to request the department of agriculture to do the much can to support the common *mwananchi* in Machakos County for the economic empowerment.

They have tried to supply chicks and I really appreciate but in the farming sector and for food security purposes, people need to be educated. Right now people have harvested just little but there is a need for the department to educate our people to have food security for the global climate change because sometimes the season do better, sometimes not favorable to our people, so I want to urge the department of agriculture to move faster and to support our people economically.

The other department I am focusing on is water. Hon. Speaker, I understand this department we have tried every year to give them resources but for me, in Kibauni they have tried to construct a big dam and as we are talking now the dam was not successful as people were promised to be supplied with water but the contractor, Hon. Speaker, you remember some two years back, I was able to bring a Statement for the County Government to bring the contractor back but it was too late.

So I want to request the department of water to come and see how that dam can be finished and people get the supply of that water and I would also request if they can focus on other areas because people cannot use one dam. Kibauni ward is a very dry ward.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Annastaciah, you made a point that that dam needs to be completed---

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: It is not.

Hon. Speaker: You have made a point that it needs to be completed but because it is not the motion on the table just don't go much into detail so that now we transact on what is here. The point has been captured. At that point, the Serjeant at Arms, please, the members who are in the extended sitting, I understand there is a problem with the technology they are not hearing what is happening here. We have seats which have not been used by any member; make arrangements and those members who wish to come and participate or want to sit here should come and use the seats which have not been used because they are not getting, they are not hearing what is happening here.

We have seats which have not been used by any Member; make arrangements and those Members who wish to come and participate or want to sit here should come and use the sit which have not been used because they are not getting, they are not hearing what is happening here because of the technology hitch. Proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I just wanted to remind that the House that the dam was not completed and if possible, I would like to request the Executive to use this budget to complete that dam and to see some areas to construct another dam for my people to be getting enough water. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Annastaciah. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by may be raising concern about the mic we are using in the plenary. Madam Speaker, I am not sure whether research has been done to ascertain whether once you spray the mic, how long is it supposed to take before it is used by the next user because I do not believe a virus can just die on the spot once you spray.

Hon. Speaker: Yes it is very important to be very afraid of the virus.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: So we just do is what we have been advised but because we have several mics, you can choose to use the ones which has not been used by another Member,

Hon. Ndawa: Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Coming to the issue before the House, Madam Speaker, I would start by congratulating the committee led by the most able Chair for coming up with an elaborate report. Madam Speaker the report is 100 per cent according to my assessment. Madam Speaker, we have seen from the report that some allocations were re-allocated to other departments for other use and I strongly belief that the re-allocation was done in good faith. Madam Speaker, if you family is big and if food is little you just distribute the little to every child so that every child can have something. So I believe the committee was considerate and it took care of every department.

Madam Speaker, what I would request is that now the term of this Assembly is coming to an end and everybody is aware as of now we have only 469 days left for us to go home. Madam Speaker, a lot of money is being spent on recurrent and very little money is being spent on development. Once our term ends, we will have to look back so see since we came, we have sat in this House for 60 months and what can we show as a House. Whatever was used in recurrent expenditure cannot be seen; the only thing which can be seen is whatever was used in development.

So, Madam Speaker, it is my humble request that we go by the law because the law says we are supposed to spend 35 per cent in development. So I am requesting, I think this is the second largest budget that we are going to approve in this House. So let us ensure that we allocate more money on development than the recurrent. Madam Speaker, some needs occur up to satisfaction and some departments are more key than others. If you look at whatever has been brought to our attention, a lot of money has gone to department of health and that is quite in order because if you treat people and give them medicine they go and fall sick again they also require drugs.

So, that is why I am saying some needs occur after satisfaction. So I am requesting that the committee on budget and the Executive to ensure that we have enough funds for department of health so that when our people are sick, we are able to take care of them.

Madam Speaker I want to set example which took place about a month ago in my ward. A patient was admitted in Matuu Level IV hospital with Covid-19 and the patient was treated there for about six days, then the last day to be treated in that facility was on a Saturday. I received a call from the relative of the patient that the oxygen cylinder which was being used was exhausted so there was no more oxygen. So that particular patient could not survive because there was not oxygen in that facility.

Madam Speaker, as everyone is aware even if you love somebody and you are aware he is suffering from Covid, even if you want to assist him, you will assist him from a distance, you cannot just go to where the patient is. I personally went to the facility to see whether there is something we can do to that particular patient, at least to save that life, Madam Speaker, when I went to that facility I was told that there was no oxygen so the only thing that we were waiting is just to lose that life. Madam Speaker, I had to move with speed; I drove to a nearby Mission hospital and borrowed at least one cylinder which the officers from that facility just gave without any condition.

Then from there, before that gas cylinder was exhausted we made sure that we transferred the patient to Kangundo Level IV hospital where he was also admitted to about 10 days and later discharged. Madam Speaker, on the issue of health, we need to give it the first priority because if you are sick you cannot use the road, may be you cannot say you want to go and fetch water, I want to go and do ABCD, so the issue of health must be given the priority.

Then the other department that I am requesting to be considered is department of roads; you know when you grade a road in the morning, and rains come in the afternoon, the following day you may not have the road passable. So those two departments need to be given special treatment so that at least, because even if we have a good facility somewhere, you can only access that facility through a road.

So, the other department, Madam Speaker, that I am concerned is the department of education. The department of education is doing good job but we have some questions that we need to ask ourselves, Madam Speaker, 2019 we were given each ward at least Ksh. 10 Million. There was that arrangement for Ksh. 10 Million projects for every ward, and the Ksh. 10 Million which was supposed to be used in our wards, some of the members of the County Assembly allocated for some ECDE classes to be constructed, and we came to learn that, the department had some other funds to do ECDE classrooms,

So what I am requesting is to get a report from the department on the ECDE classes which were constructed; was it the ward programme or was it departmental programme so that we can be aware, may be the classrooms which were to be constructed in my ward, I spend about Ksh. 5 Million from the Ward arrangement. What do the records say in the department because it may emerge that the ECDE classrooms I gave Ksh. 5 Million, may be three took my money and may be

the other two there are records showing that the department constructed ECDE. (??) That is the clarification---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, I am bringing you back to the motion on the Table. Yes, you made a point that the money; you have not finished, you have not finished?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, Madam.

Hon. Speaker: The money that you allocated the ward development for the pet projects of the MCAs Ksh. 10 Million in 2019, you would want to know how it was spent particularly on ECDE classes. What you need to do is let the appropriate committee seek that report and we will debate it. So you can go on and finalize your submission on this particular motion.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Then the other one is the department of ICT; Madam Speaker, we have been giving that department some funds but the work that they are doing is not visible in every ward. Madam Speaker, most of our towns do not have functional CCTV cameras starting with Matuu town which is almost becoming a Municipality in the next few months. So we want to request that if the chairperson allocates money for that department, let the money be felt in every ward so that people can know that there is a department of ICT.

Then the issue is about *Mheshimiwa* Kingori was talking about feeding in ECDE and Madam Speaker as you are aware, we had allocated some funds in the last budget for feeding the ECDE kids and I am not aware whether any of the schools received any foodstuffs. So, Madam Speaker, I am requesting that for now, because we do not know how long the Corona pandemic is going to take, I am requesting the issue of feeding we should not give it a priority because our kids stayed home for a very long for almost nine months, so I believe if there was money for feeding and the money should be there. So unless they are bring now for us to supplement, I believe the funds which were set for feeding are still intact because no school has ever received any funding for that.

Lastly, is the department of Energy; Madam Speaker, almost every elected Member, had given some points where he or she would wish to have a transformer erected and up to now I wonder whether there is any ward which has ever received any transformer. So I am requesting the department also to move with speed to ensure that at least we get two transformers per ward so that we can also have something to show after our term end.

Whatever has been paid as salary cannot be shown but if there is a transformer somewhere, I can be able to comfortable point at that transformer and say that is my initiative, that is the initiative of the County and I will have the bargaining power on how to come back to this Hon. House. Thank very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute. First and foremost, I would like again that the chair as I am a member of this committee and the entire committee for the work which the committee has put in ensuring that the CFSP report of the Financial Year 2021 is done thoroughly and exhaustively as we have been able to do and submit before this House.

Madam Speaker, there are a few things which I would like to highlight on that report; the first one is on the issue you have heard on the report of the conditional grants. Most of you I think you heard when the formulae was being revised. You heard that there is an increment in revenues

which were supposed to be brought to the counties as a result of revision in the formula, but a close examination of those by the committee and also by the National Assembly, actually I have brought to light that what we used to get equitable share separately then you would get about Ksh. 2 Billion as conditional grants which would come separate from the equitable share.

What they did now is they took the conditional grants and made them unconditional and included them in the equitable share so that the equitable share money seemed as if it has increased but in actual effect, the increase was insignificant. You were initially getting money as equitable share and other funds were coming as conditional grants. We would get conditional grants for Level V support, we would get conditional grant for DANIDA for User Fee Foregone, we would get conditional grant for road maintenance levy; all those conditional grants were collapsed and made unconditional and put in to equitable share.

So in other words you are now having what you think is a huge equitable share and a very small conditional grant so the overall impact is almost negligible and therefore that is the reason why in the report which was read before the House, you heard that in most areas the committee was observing that we need to ensure that these funds are taken back to where they are supposed to be.

If for example Machakos Level V hospital was getting Ksh. 383 Million support for Level V which was being used in various Level V-related expenses; now that it has been made unconditional and put under equitable share, then there is need for the budget committee to ensure that the money is budgeted for and the specific vote lines where the conditional grants was taken into. Otherwise it might be brought there and then it is taken to another department.

Things like KRB for example.....let me just take a glass of some water. That money used to come under KRB and was put in a specific vote called KRB; now it will just come under equitable share. So if we are not careful to ensure that money for KRB is put under the vote for KRB and does the roads which KRB, that money could be moved from there to another sector and therefore when we were doing this ceilings, we ensured those moneys were put in specific departments where they are supposed to be. If you look at something like TIVET you will see in the report we have said TIVET education we put Ksh. 62 Million in the department of education to ensure that TIVET support what is called capitation is being done under that department.

The other item I would like to highlight is the issue of own-source revenue which Hon. Members have highlighted here and yes it is true there is a Bill which is coming and also with the Finance Bill which we passed which actually had an impact of reduction of rates to safeguard our people against the adverse effects of Covid 19. Yet, when we look at our CFSP, we are giving more or less target as we gave last year of Ksh. 1.7 Billion.

So you might be online to be asking why we still continue projecting that high because ideally if you are reducing rates then you cannot be at the same level as where you are in the previous year. When we did interrogation with the Finance department of Treasury, they talked about digitization and we allocated funds in the..... (inaudible) for digitization of revenue collection. We could have been collecting Ksh. 1.7 Billion before, but if you block the revenue leaks, you might actually have been collecting between Ksh. 2.5 and Ksh. 3 Billion.

What we have been having a very big revenue leaks therefore if you reduce on the revenue leaks through digitization, then you might be able to recover what you are going to lose from the rates reduction by ceiling the leaks using that digitization.

There is an Hon. Member here who talked about Valuation Roll; if the Executive go ahead and actually ensure that the Valuation Roll is done, the impact of the Valuation Roll will be able to ensure that areas like Mavoko where we have prime land next to Nairobi collecting very low rates as a result of not having title deeds and as a result of the area not having been valued to current market rates, will enable the County Government to increase on the rates to bring them on the

normal market level with Nairobi and other surrounding counties so that they can also be able to increase on their revenue much more than they could have done without the valuation Roll. So these two need to be put into effect for us to be able to enhance own source revenue.

We have talked of phasing of major projects. When the Committee met with the committee met with the finance department, there were two major projects which had been put under department of transport and this is the dual carriage way from Kyumbi to Machakos town. Which had been put aside Ksh. 880 million to do that dual carriage and there is also the issue of the airstrip which had been set aside Ksh. 500 million. So those two projects alone were taking Ksh. 1.3 billion of the total development expenditure and had been put in transport.

So engagement with the department of finance, as a committee we discussed with them and impressed upon them, here we are and we have a National Treasury which is not having funds. We are in a Covid-19 environment where revenue collection has gone low. The national government is struggling to collect revenue and be able to submit to the counties and here we are trying to commit to high value projects which do not have an immediate impact but will have a long term impact.

So we agreed we are going to phase the projects over three years. So that instead of putting Ksh. 1.3 billion to eat in the current year we only have Ksh. 460 million in the current year, Ksh. 460 million next year and Ksh. 460 million in the third year for those projects and free up money which we will be able to utilize for projects which have short-term impact on our people.

If you went and told our people at home that we have approved a dual carriage way and they are walking on...they call them *masyuko* we drive and walk on *masyuko* in our area and then you tell that person we are building a dual carriage for Ksh. 800 million, that person will not understand. So that is what we are talking about. We need with the law, what we are advising the County Executive is that with the kind of resources....when you do not have funds, then you look at low-cost high-impact projects with low-cost being the key.

For example, if you go and rehabilitate a cattle dip, you might end up spending Ksh. 250,000 to rehabilitate a cattle dip but the entire area will bring more than 500 cows to use that cattle dip. So the cost is little but the impact is high on our people and improving their livelihood. That is what we need to concentrate on.

The other issue which I think is important to mention is the issue of the emergency fund which we have noted that there was no provision for emergency fund. You have seen before we have been hit by locust and also the Covid came and found us in a situation which was wanting. So we are saying it is important for the county executive to ensure they have an emergency fund and to ensure they have also a regularized access of funds to that emergency fund.

Before I leave that issue of high impact, you will find dams are in that category. A dam which has been started like the one which was for the Hon. Member and has been started completing it is okay but now going in the current year and saying we want to construct a dam for Ksh. 400 million or Ksh. 250 million you need to assess that if I use this Ksh. 1 million to put one dam in one area, what impact will it have on that area or can I be able to use this money and sink boreholes in many areas and have more people accessing it because we are living in tough economic times.

The budget committee has also gone ahead and provided for ECDE classes at Ksh. 1.5 million to take into consideration the need to have more expansive ECDE classes in view of the Covid era and also one thing which we noted was that bursaries had only been provided at Ksh. 40 million based on the provision for last year but we all now know that the worst of Covid is passing and therefore we expect normalization of classes and therefore we need full funding.

Finally, here we very many questions being brought about here on the floor of the House on issues which ideally should be taken up in the sectoral committees. When we say, for example, that

the sectoral committee on health is interviewing the department of health then all health related issues should be raised there so that by the time the report comes to the budget committee they have been handled.

Sometimes we come and find items being raised here which should have been raised at the sectoral level and highlighted there to be incorporated in the views because by the time they are brought before the House there is already a report on the floor of the House which will take time for it to be adjusted. So when we are doing sectoral interrogations, my suggestion or my plea is we are thorough in interrogation in the sectoral committees and engage the Chief Officers and the CEC Members optimally to ensure we have optimum representation in the documents which are being brought before this Hon. House.

On the issue of transformers, before I sit down now; the Hon. Member has pointed out and it is a very important thing. Transformers are another area of low-cost high-impact because we have Rural Electrification Authority (REA) which said they will be putting a shilling for a shilling. In the current budget we allocated Ksh. 40 million so that the County Government give Ksh. 40 million REA rare will give Ksh. 40 million adding up to Ksh. 80 million and be able to give each ward at least two transformers.

I have been engaging the Chief Officer because I had put a transformer for an area called Kikumbo in my area where they do not have power. There is an area which serves around 50 people and they do not have power; they are in darkness. So when I engaged the Chief Officer, he told me; we have done our requisition but we have not yet being given the funding to give to REA. My plea would be this if you have got an authority which is saying 'give me a shilling I give you a shilling' that is the first thing you should have done because that is somebody who is financing you. Give them that Ksh. 40 million they give you Ksh. 40 million.

It is better to delay on any other project and first of all go on the project where somebody is giving you a shilling for a shilling and having an impact on our people in that we will be having these transformers all over the place and our people will get lighting. So I would like to urge the executive to follow closely the ceilings as they have been set and the recommendations and also to review the things which have been brought out on the floor of the House by the Hon. Members so that we can be able to have a robust and effective budget for the financial year 2021. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: 2021/22.

Hon. Museku: 2021/22; absolutely.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to appreciate the committee led by our able Chair Hon. Ndambuki and Madam Speaker, on the onset, I would wish that the executive will always go by the budget which normally comes from this House. Madam Speaker, we always get it right in terms of paper work and budget but when it comes to implementation, we always have a problem.

Madam Speaker, I have always chosen to address myself to matters health because I am the Chairperson of the health committee and we all agree that this department takes almost 50 percent of our budget. Madam Speaker, getting something close to Ksh. 5 billion in a year but when you go to the ground, health facilities the services we are offering are far below average.

Madam Speaker, I would like to appreciate the committee saying that let us have the conditional grants although they are coming as equitable share, let the same be channeled to the department of health committee. Madam Speaker, I wish and I am sure that Hon. Members are being to their facilities. If you happen Madam Speaker, to visit either the maternity wards, lab, pharmacy or either the x-ray, the services which we are offering there are less than 10 percent of the services those departments they should be offering.

I have been to the facilities and I can assure this House that no monies are going to the facilities anymore. Madam Speaker, even the health workers are taking tea without milk as we speak nowadays. Madam Speaker, you always get surprised when you go to a facility like Kangundo Level IV and you are being sent to a small room within the market for some simple tests of blood and stool. Madam Speaker, a whole Kangundo Level IV cannot afford these services.

Madam Speaker, I am not sure if the Governor is aware and we all know that there is a budget, Madam Speaker. The question is; why are the funds not going to the facilities? Madam, Speaker, last time I said that our CECM health and Chief Officers, all the MOH within the Level IVs cannot always question this because they fear being send home but Madam Speaker, I want to believe we are the right department, or persons to question why are our facilities not getting funds.

Madam Speaker, I wish we could have a one-on-one talk with the Governor and get to know why. I am sure we are getting funds---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Masesi, it is very distressing to hear the stories, sorry the information not stories you are conveying particularly when you are the Chair of health. I do not want to repeat that there is a processing of summoning and you have another mechanism even of the committee of the whole House chaired by none other than the Speaker. Why don't we do this? I can feel the pain because when you go there and even find blood testing from a Level IV and you are being sent to some dingy place in the market. Really why? So why don't you leave it at that. We feel you and the House feels you. Why you don't leave it at that and if you want assistance you go ahead and do the needful Hon. Masesi. Is that okay?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Noting what is happening and Hon. Ndawa narrated the issue of that patient and I kept on crossing fingers that the patient did not die but you see he took some action and then he gets assistance from outside and you talked of the budget for the health department so let us see how we can improve so that we know where the weak link is.

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So let us go and do your submissions now but that issue of compliance and implementation you know what we need to do.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to add on the budget is that although the budget is taking a lot of money which is close to half of our budget, Madam Speaker, I want to believe we still have some pending issues to do with promotions. Madam Speaker, the department also needs to employ more in terms of replacing the retired, the sacked and even Madam Speaker, those who have died. So, Madam Speaker, I am happy that the budget is adding some more money to the department which I am sure will cater for that.

Madam Speaker, lastly, just to move out of that is to remind Members that our CHVs have not yet been paid; some have received two months' salary which is Ksh. 5,000 and others have gotten only one month Ksh. 2500, Madam Speaker, besides us passing the Ksh. 84 million budget for the same.

Madam Speaker, I would like to touch a bit on roads whereby we have seen we have the major two projects which were meant to be the airstrip and the dual carriage. Madam Speaker, when you look at our wards program for grading we have run out of the fuel funds so Madam Speaker, I would wish we could get some more funds to that department in terms of more funds to our grading programs within our wards and more so some money for maintenance and repairs to those machines. Madam Speaker, we normally take a lot of time when we come to response time when we have a breakdown. So I wish the response time could be minimized and have our graders up and moving all through.

Madam Speaker, the main concern is that we do not have development money but we all know that when money comes it comes in abundance and the executive has to prioritize what goes to recurrent and what goes to development. Madam Speaker, the last time we had development 2018/2019 when Members were asked to bring some priority projects within the wards. For the last two years we not even, even some Ksh. 1.5 million we had been promised for roads and we agreed with the executive that we are going to get Ksh. 1.5 million in the supplementary budget we did pass. Madam Speaker, up to date we have not gotten any. So Madam Speaker, my wish is the executive could accord us some money for development whereby Members will give the priority projects.

Madam Speaker, when you look at the County Public Service Board, the last time I want to believe we gave them a budget of around Ksh. 40 million. When you look at the CFSP they had none for vehicles and construction offices. I am happy that budget has given them Ksh. 15 million for vehicles and Ksh. 10 million for construction of offices. Madam Speaker, we need to empower that Board for it to keep moving.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, would wish that this County Assembly could copy and paste National Assembly matters to welfare of Members. Madam Speaker, I have seen we had four items which had not been budgeted giving us a total of Ksh. 366 million and I have seen that we have proposals to Ksh. 1.2 billion as the County Assembly's budget. So Madam Speaker, I wish we could copy and paste what normally happens at the National Assembly because when it comes to the Hon. Member's welfare, they always come up in one voice and I always see their matters addressed. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. You said that one as your checking out statement. The mover of the motion, please reply.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank the entire House for the passionate contribution and debate on the report that the Budget and Appropriations committee has prepared on the CFSP for 2021. Madam Speaker, it is my prayer that the County Executive takes cognizance of the recommendations that the Budget and Appropriations committee has come up with together with what the Hon. House has added to the report. So that Madam Speaker, we can have budget proposals that are geared towards service delivery to our people.

As it has been highlighted in the report Madam Speaker, this is will be our last budget as County Government we are going to implement and see to its fruition so it is important Madam Speaker, that as previous contributors have said that we programs or projects that will have immediate impact on our people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

BILLS

First Readings

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Hon. Members, just a final word, if you recall we had some two Bills that were read for the first time and there was an omission on the committal of the Bills. So they are standing committed to the relevant committees and I think you appreciate which relevant committees.

For the Machakos County Tax Waivers Administration Bill 2020 is committed to the Finance and Revenue Collection Committee. For the Machakos County Abattoirs Bill 2020 is committed to the Agriculture Committee and that is pursuant to Standing Order 120(1) of the Assembly Standing Orders so that we shall be expecting a report within the period of 60 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Members, here we are and at this point I am communicating that the sitting stands adjourned and it will resume on such a day as will be communicated to you in line with the communication I did in the morning. Have a good time, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 1.25 p.m.