

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 10th June, 2020

Special Sitting

*(Convened via Kenya Gazette Notice
No. 3869 dated 5th June, 2020)*

The House met at 2.32 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members. First, I apologize profusely for the very late starting of this sitting and I am apologizing on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations committee which I also know it is not of their wish. I know they have been spending sleepless nights and their eyes look it; they show if you look at Members of that Committee working on the report which they have brought.

The period was very short to process the report and we can only say thank you to them and we all understand the circumstances we are working on so today we may be here for very long. I just want to ask you to bear with everybody and we retain our patience and dedication to serving the people of Machakos County.

Personally, I have not had lunch; I was especially working on matters Order No. 2 and also liaising with the Budget Committee but I am ready and strong to sit up to the very last minute until we finalize the process of the Supplementary Budget. So with that I call upon the Clerk that we start our sitting.

For the Members who are seated outside at the tent, there is a time I had seen them and I think now they are seeing me and I have been told that they are hearing the proceedings here as we carry on and it is unusual time that members are sitting in the tent but remember we are all together and this is not because of anyone's wish but because of the circumstances of Covid 19 and the sittings that we have in the Chamber have been determined by the Public Health officer in the County as is required under the Public Health protocols.

So we could not have more sitting inside the Chamber because of the importance of the business at hand, we felt that we will have our Members within the tent and we are communicating and this is more or less what has been happening in the National Assembly and Senate. So Hon. Members we will start in the same circumstances that we are in.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Members, the communication was put in a flash disk and so I have to look for it; you will bear with me. Apparently, it was not put in a folder, like I said with the other documents

SPECIAL SITTING OF 10TH JUNE, 2020

This special sitting is informed by the County Assembly of Machakos Standing Order 26(1) and (2) which provides for the calling of a special sitting for the House to transact urgent or exceptional business when the House stands adjourned. I have summarized those provisions in the interest of time.

Hon. Members, you will recall that owing to the current Covid 19 pandemic, just like other public and private institutions in the country, effective 16th March, 2020 the Assembly scaled down its operations due to the need to reduce human contact in line with the established public health protocols aimed at stopping the spread of the pandemic and you remember we were on recess at different periods when we would adjourn for a month or 14 days until 5th May, 2020 when you resolved as a House to adjourn *sine die*.

So during the period we are in the adjournment without a date for commencement, we agreed that any special and urgent matters or of exceptional interest would be handled through special sittings and the Supplementary budget is one of such matters and I refer you to Section 135(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (the PFMA), 2012, provides that a County Government may spend money that has not been appropriated if the amount appropriated for any purpose under the County Appropriation Act is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated by that Act, or money has been withdrawn from the County Government Emergency Fund.

Further, Section 135(2) of the Act provides that, a County Government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority for spending to the County Assembly.

Pursuant that, the County Assembly received the Second Machakos County Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2019/2020 on 26th May, 2020 from the Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning. This is considered a matter that is befitting a special sitting of the Assembly like we are having now.

Standing Order 26(3) requires the Speaker, by notice in the Gazette, to notify the Members of the place, date and time appointed for the special sitting of the House. Accordingly, this special sitting has been convened vide Gazette Notice No. 3869 issued on 5th June, 2020.

Further, under Standing Order 26(4), it is required that the business to be transacted be specified in the Gazette Notice and pursuant to that the business to be transacted in this special sitting is”

- (a) Consideration of the Second Machakos County Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2019/2020; and
- (b) Any other business that may be transacted pursuant to Standing Orders 151(5)(d), (e) and (f) of the Machakos County Assembly Standing orders as may be permitted by the Speaker.

Hon. Members, I wish to remind you that Covid-19 is real; you have talked about it with the electorate and your families and it is requested that as you interact here and those who are in the tent, we observe the Covid 19 public health protocols so that we remain safe and that is why you only see 26 Members seated here and the other Members are seated out in the tent. So, Hon. Members, we request that you keep the distance that has already been created; do not change

your seats both here and outside in the tent, use your mask and use the water for washing with detergent and use the sanitizers every other moment.

Hon. Members, on the voting for the business, this has proved to be very tricky because of the requirements of voting for purposes of plenary and that is why you see it has been difficult to hold plenary sittings. In very involving consultations I undertook with the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, the Clerk Mr. Mbiuki and the Table Clerks here, we agreed that on parts if the Orders, voting will be by acclamation and other parts, as it will be communicated to you by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader when I am through with my communication, will necessitate a roll call because of the important issues that are deliberated on each order. So you will be accordingly guided both here and in the tent. The idea is to give every Member an opportunity to participate in the debate and in the voting in the circumstances we are facing.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

Hon. Members, Section 129(2)(a) and (3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 provides that, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates, supporting documents and any other Bills required to implement the budget, except the Finance Bill, by 30th April, in that year.

Further, Section 129(3) of the Public Finance Management Act provides that each County Assembly Clerk shall prepare and submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates for the County Assembly and a copy shall be submitted to the County Executive Committee Member for Finance.

Pursuant to these provisions of the PFM Act the Executive Committee Member for Finance submitted budget estimates for the County for the Financial Year 2020/2021 on 29th May, 2020. Standing Order 206(3) provides that; Upon being laid before the Assembly, the Budget Estimates shall be deemed to have been committed to the respective Sectoral Committee without question put, for each such committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandates.

Further, Standing Order 206(5) provides that; the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall discuss and review the Estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly, taking into account the recommendations of the Sectoral Committees, the views of the County Executive Committee member responsible for finance and the public.

The Budget Estimates are hereby committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and also to sectoral committees pursuant to Standing Orders 206(3) and (5). Further, Hon. Members, Section 131 of the PFM Act provides that the County Assembly shall consider the County Government budget estimates with a view to approving them, with or without amendments, in time for the relevant appropriation law and any other laws required to implement the budget to be passed by the 30th June, in each year.

Today is 10th June and we only have 20 more days and we also appreciate that we need to have public participation so it is quite a huge task; a very difficult one noting that that we are also operating in the circumstances of Covid 19. So, I want to urge the Budget and Appropriations Committee and sectoral Committees, in the circumstances we are working in, to do all they can so that we process those Estimates in the shortest time possible and observing all the laws so that we can see how we can have the Appropriation Act within the time provided in the PFMA.

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

Hon. Members, the Assembly is now finally in the process of constructing a new modern chamber. This is a process that was commenced way back in 2017 by the 1st Assembly and it is only now that it is taking off. The tendering process has been completed and award given to the winning bidder one Amber Construction Company Limited.

The contractor is already on site having been handed over the site on 26th May, 2020 and works have already started. That is the reason part of the Assembly compound has been fenced off with iron sheets. It is a legacy that this Second Assembly should leave for the posterity so that you go by the wording that you do not plant a tree to enjoy the shade yourself but plant it for posterity to enjoy the shade.

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF MAJORITY PARTY WHIP

Hon. Members, this is matter that I am told was also discussed in the FM stations this morning and I am also told that there is a letter that Hon. Tariq Mulatya wrote which I will also mention here which was circulating in the social media but let me communicate because it is my duty to communicate officially.

I am in receipt of four letters on this matter. The first letter from the Wiper Democratic Movement-Kenya (WDMK) is dated 28th May, 2020 and was received in the Assembly on 29th May, 2020. The letter communicates a resolution by WDM-K to uphold and accept a letter dated stamped 26th May, 2020 from the Leader of Majority Party signed by some Members and has minutes and the gist of the minutes and the list of the Members and that Hon. Tariq Mulatya is removed as the Majority Party Whip “for gross misconduct and undermining Party House leadership.”

The letter requests that Hon. Tariq Mulatya to be replaced by Hon. Moses Mitaa as the Majority Party Whip. Attached to the letter are Minutes of a NASA meeting held on 25th May, 2020 and a list of the members with their signatures.

Hon. Members, the second letter which is undated but emailed to me on Second June, 2020 by the WDM-K, on a wiper letterhead and it refers to the earlier letter of 28th May, 2020 and requested that the said earlier letter communicating the removal of Hon. Tariq Mulatya as the Majority Whip be held in abeyance until further communication.

Hon. Members, the third letter which is also from the WDMK dated 3rd June, 2020 refers to the past correspondence, specifically the letter dated 28th May, 2020 and requested that the communication in the said letter of 28th May, 2020 directing the removal of Hon. Tariq Mulatya Muema and replacing him with Hon. Moses Mitaa Musyoka as the Majority Whip for Machakos County Assembly, be implemented forthwith.

Hon. Members, the fourth letter is dated 8th June, 2020 and received in my office on 9th June, 2020 at 5.34 p.m. from Hon. Tariq Mulatya. In the letter, Hon. Tariq Mulatya stated that he had resigned from the position of the Majority Party Whip with immediate effect. The Hon. Member stated the reasons for resignation were 'to ensure peace, unity and strength in the Wiper party as well as concentrate to serve the people of Masinga Central who elected him. The letter was copied to the Clerk of the Assembly and the Wiper Democratic Movement – Kenya (WDMK).

Hon. Members, the role of the Speaker in circumstances like these is merely to communicate the contents of all the correspondence received upon verifying the validity of the same. Clearly, the critical letters here are the one dated 28th May, 2020 from the WDMK, the

accompanying minutes of the Majority Assembly Party of the meeting held on 25th May, 2020 and voting outcome and the letter dated 8th June, 2020 from Hon. Tariq Mulatya Muema.

Going by the said letter of 8th June, 2020 by Hon. Tariq Mulatya Muema in which he indicates that he has resigned as the Majority Party Whip with immediate effect and the Assembly is duly noted. It cannot be in question that if a Member has decide to resign, nobody can force a Member to continue serving if they have decided to resign. It is however in order to thank him for the services that he gave while in the office of the Majority Party Whip and we wish him well in other undertakings.

Hon. Members, it is clear that now there exists a vacancy in the position of the Majority Party Whip. The onus now is to determine whether the removal and replacement of the Majority Party Whip which started before the resignation of Hon. Tariq Mulatya is valid for me to announce a replacement.

Hon. Members, I have reviewed the list of Members attached to the minutes of NASA meeting of 25th May, 2020 and I have noted the following. The representation of Members in parties in the Assembly is as follows:

	PARTY	NO. OF MEMBERS	PER CENT
1	NASA (WIPER, ODM, ANC, MUUNGANO, FORD-K, CCM)	31	52.54
2	MCCP	13	22.03
3	NARC	3	5.08
4	INDEPENDENT	5	8.47
5	JUBILEE	4	6.78
6	PICK	1	1.69
7	CCU	1	1.69
8	DP	1	1.69
	TOTAL	59	100.00

As per the above representation, the quorum for any NASA coalition meeting is 16 members. Further, Hon. Members, I cross checked the party to which each Member who was in the meeting belonged to and I can confirm that sixteen (16) Members were from the WDMK and 1 (one) was from CCU and the two parties belong to the NASA coalition.

Consequently, I am satisfied that the deliberations and voting of the meeting of 25th May, 2020 are valid and that the communication by WDMK party on those deliberations is also valid.

In that regard, Hon. Moses Mitaa has replaced Hon. Tariq Mulatya as the Majority Party Whip. I wish the new Majority Party Whip all the best in his new position and urge him to serve Members with dedication and urge the Members to accord him all the support needed.

(Applause)

DISCHARGE OF HON. MEMBERS FROM COMMITTEES

Hon. Members, Standing Order 156 provides for discharge of a member from a committee. Standing Order 156(1) states that the Assembly party that nominated a member to a select committee, may give notice, in writing, to the Speaker that the Member is to be discharged

from a select committee. Further, Standing Order 156(2) states that the discharge of a Member shall take effect upon receipt by the Speaker of a notice under paragraph (1).

Hon. Members, pursuant to this provision of the Standing Orders, I have received two letters from the Majority Party Leader, Hon. Mark Muendo dated 25th May, 2020 discharging the following Members from the Committees stated under each.

- a) Hon. Jeremiah Munguti
 - (i) Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations.
 - (ii) Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources.
 - (iii) Health and Emergency Services.
- b) Hon. Agatha Mutunga
 - (i) Agriculture Committee.
 - (ii) Labour, Public Service and ICT.
 - (iii) Public Accounts and Investments.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 153(3) requires that a vacancy occasioned by resignation or removal of a Member from a select Committee shall be filled within 14 days of the vacancy. I direct the Committee on Selection to note the provisions of the Standing Orders and table replacements within the stipulated time.

COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Members, I have also received a further communication on a NASA meeting held on 10th March, 2020 on selection of representatives of the NASA coalition in the HBC. The communication is attached to minutes of the meeting, in which the following were selected to represent the NASA party from February, 2020:

- a. Hon. Moses Mitaa.
- b. Hon. Hellen Ndeti.
- c. Hon. Patrick Kituku.
- d. Hon. Justus Katumo.

Thank you, Hon. Members. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR FY 2019/2020

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

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, 10th June, 2020; the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the second supplementary budget for FY 2019/2020. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR FY 2019/2020

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is one business and we have Hon. Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Supplementary Budget is prepared in accordance with Section 135(2) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 which stipulates that a County government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority for spending, through the County Assembly;

Aware that the FY 2019/20 second supplementary budget was received on 26th May, 2020 and committed to the Budget and Appropriation committee;

Further aware that the Budget and Appropriations Committee is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget and that its main objective is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and that the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the second Machakos County Supplementary Budget FY 2019/2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. By leave of the House, Hon. Members, you appreciate that our practice is to have the Notice of Motion given on a different day from the date of the Motion but because of the circumstances we are in and the business that we are working on, everything will be done today and God help us. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, at this point before we start on the processing of the business in this Order, I would want to have the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader to confirm on the process of voting because starting with Order No. 8, Members will be required to vote in one way or another. So can we have the Majority Leader on the position that is agreed on the voting and Hon. Kamitu for the Minority Party will do the same. Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Members, as we met this afternoon, we agreed on how we are going to conduct our voting in case we need to vote. Knowing that with this pandemic we must adjust because it is a dangerous virus and so we have agreed that on Orders No. 8, 11, 12 and 13 should be through acclamation. As you know we have Members who are outside, this voting will be done here but on Order No. 10 which is on adoption of the Motion, we have agreed we can do roll call voting and I think that is in order because even the Members in the tent will be included. Therefore, that will be the procedure when we come to voting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In accordance to the meeting we had in the afternoon and procedurally, if a need for voting arises, I have no objection we can just go ahead. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

SHORTENING OF TIME FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY
SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2020 FROM SEVEN DAYS AS STATED IN
STANDING ORDER 116 TO FIVE DAYS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo on Order No. 8.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Madam Speaker, that aware that Section 8(1)(c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 bestows the responsibility of approving the Budget and Expenditure of the County Government on the County Assembly;

Aware that the County Executive submitted the second Supplementary Budget for the FY 2019/2020 to the Assembly for approval on 26th May 2020;

Noting that the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020 (*Kenya Gazette Supplement No.2*) (*Machakos County Bill No.1*) was published on 5th June, 2020 and aware that Standing Order 116 requires that an Appropriation Bill on publication should be allowed in the House after seven days;

Aware that seven days will lapse on 11th June, 2020 and the Bill can be introduced in the House at the earliest on 12th June, 2020;

Aware that the bill is late for approval;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House shortens the time for introduction of the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2020 (*Kenya Gazette Supplement No.2*) (*Machakos County Bill No.1*) from seven (7) days as stated in Standing Order 116 to five days to ensure the Bill is approved in time.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Who is seconding your Motion?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I ask Hon. Minority Leader to second my Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Kamitu.

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

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo and Hon. Kamitu. I wonder if there is any Member with an opposition to shortening the time for introduction of this Bill in this House noting the circumstances and the matter at hand. So we are all in agreement that we resolve positively on the Motion. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

BILL

First Reading

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (KENYA
GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.2) (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO.1)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is First Reading and I call upon the Clerk.

(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time - Ordered to be read the Second Time today by leave of the House)

MOTION

REPORT ON THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR FY 2019/2020

Hon. Speaker: Under this Order, we have business by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson of Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Supplementary Budget is prepared in accordance with section 135(2) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 which stipulates that a County government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority for spending, through the County Assembly;

Aware that the FY 2019/20 second supplementary budget was received on 26th May, 2020 and committed to the Budget and Appropriations committee;

Further aware that the Budget and Appropriations Committee is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget and that its main objective is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and that the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the second Machakos County Supplementary Budget FY 2019/2020.

I wish to call Hon. Angela Munyasya to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, with your permission, I am going to read the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on FY 2019/2020 Second supplementary Budget dated June 2020.

1.0 OVERVIEW

Madam Speaker, the FY 2019/20 second supplementary budget was received on 26th May, 2020 and committed to the Budget and Appropriation committee. The supplementary is prepared in accordance with Section 135(2) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 which stipulates that a County government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority for spending, through the County Assembly. This is because

an Appropriation Act can only be amended through a supplementary budget as provided for in law.

The Machakos County second supplementary budget for FY2019/20, seeks to amend the original first supplementary budget FY 2019/20 Appropriation Act. This will be a remedy to challenges by unforeseeable circumstances that demand aligning the county revenue to the expenditure *vis-a-vis* the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The adjustments made in the second supplementary budget FY 2019/20 include,

1. Adjustment of shortfalls in salaries and wages.
2. Covid-19 grant (national funding) of Ksh. 286,081,000 and budget reallocation (Covid-19) of Ksh.100m.
3. Review of projected own source revenue from Ksh. 1.62 billion to Ksh. 1.2 billion.
4. Payment of pending bills.

1.1 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Madam Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations committee derives its mandate from Standing Order 186(3)(a) that 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: Point of Order from Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We do not have a point of reference towards this very important document.

Hon. Speaker: You do not have it?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: It is supposed to have been uploaded; does any Member have it in hard copy? Hon. Koki. You should have told me Hon. Members; please do not keep quiet if you do not have the document. The difficult part is that you cannot be able to share because you have to stay away from each other. Can many more copies come and they also hurry up in uploading. The Members in the tent also need to be addressed.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the interest of time and since majority of us and I also saw in the tent, majority of us have copies, can you allow the Chairperson to proceed because it is now 3.30 p.m.

Hon. Speaker: Members, because he is reading, Hon. Ndawa, you can trust your Budget Chairperson that he is reading what is written so that when the document finally comes to you, you will see what he is reading. The only problem is because we have a very long day ahead of us.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Chair, I think most of the Members who have the document are the Members of the Committee and since they know the contents of the report, why don't they hand it over to those who do not have it---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, it is unhygienic to hand over a document he has handled already; that is the bad thing about Covid 19. It could actually be done and it makes a lot of sense what you are saying but you know everyone is a suspect to the other. So, it is not safe to take what Hon. Kisila has or even to take what I have. You cannot; it is an unusual situation so Hon. Ndawa, are we in agreement that we can be listening to the Chairperson.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, Madam. We are in agreement but I request that you order copies be made as we proceed so that we can get.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, it is what I have done and we can all understand the difficult situation of this Budget Committee. So let us go on Hon. Members. Those who have copies, you are lucky read and the Chairperson of Budget Committee is usually audible and eloquent. He will pronounce words as they are so we will understand what he is saying.

(Applause)

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will proceed from where I had stopped. Madam 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. The bases of the Committee's execution of its mandate is annual and on special reports.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Madam Speaker, the committee as constituted by this honorable Assembly comprises of the following members.

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

1.3 OBJECTIVES OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20

Madam Speaker, the objectives of the Machakos County second Supplementary Budget FY 2019/20 are:

1. Accommodate Ksh. 286,081,000 Covid-19 grant that was not anticipated and not captured in the approved Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget and allocate Ksh.100million for the pandemic. This is in line with sections 135(6) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.

2. Adjust the shortfalls in salaries and wages for the FY 2019/20.
3. Accommodate downwards review of County revenue affecting budget cuts on development budget in FY2019/20 budget.
4. Payment of pending bills.

1.4 SOURCES OF FUNDING

Madam Speaker, the second supplementary budget for the FY 2019/20 is to be funded from the following revenue sources, Equitable share Ksh.9,199,196,587 , Grants Ksh. 2,969,677,674 and Own Source Revenue Ksh. 1,160,776,900 totaling to Ksh. 13,329,651,161.

1.5 Expenditure

Madam Speaker, the County Treasury proposes expenditure framework for the FY2019/20 to be Ksh.13,329,651,161 constituting of Ksh.8,634,977,213 for recurrent expenditure and Ksh.4,694,673,948,for development. The recurrent expenditure comprises of Ksh. 5,619,958,538 for compensation to employees and Ksh. 3,015,018, 675 for operations and maintenance. See table 1 below.

Summary Revenues & Expenditures

Description	Approved Supplementary Budget Expenditures	Increase /Decrease	Proposed supplementary 2
Expenditures			
Recurrent			
Salaries & wages	4,900,811,215	719,147,323.00	5,619,958,538
Operations & Maintenance	3,204,810,203	(189,791,528.00)	3,015,018,675
Total Recurrent	8,105,621,418	529,355,795.00	8,634,977,213
Development	5,385,748,743	(691,074,795.00)	4,694,673,948
Total Expenditures	13,491,370,161	(161,719,000.00)	13,329,651,161
Revenues			
Equitable Share	9,199,196,587	-	9,199,196,587
Conditional Grants	2,683,596,674		2,683,596,674
Conditional Grant to improve health Facilities	0	188,521,000.00	188,521,000
Conditional -COVID (Medical staff allowances	0	97,560,000.00	97,560,000
Own Source Revenue	1,608,576,900		1,160,776,900

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		(447,800,000.00)	
Total Revenues	13,491,370,161	(161,719,000.00)	13,329,651,161

Table 1

The expenditure allocations are distributed across the departments.

2.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Madam Speaker, to achieve the above objectives the County Treasury has proposed changes to expenditure framework of the County Departments as follows:

2.1 Office of the Governor

Madam Speaker, the office of the Governor has an approved budget of Ksh. 558,128,498.85 which constitute of Ksh. 5,422,300 for development and Ksh. 552,706,198.85 for recurrent.

The CECM proposes to increase the recurrent expenditure by effect of 7 (office of the DG) by increasing other current transfers by Ksh. 10,000,000 resulting to recurrent budget of Ksh. 562,706,199.

The committee recommended in the first supplementary for the FY2019/20 the creation of a vote line for purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43,276,000 for the County Assembly, this is yet to be executed.

2.2 Department of Public Service, Labor and ICT

Madam Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Public Service, Labor and ICT was Ksh. 817,205,207 which constituted of Ksh. 33,633,824 for development and Ksh. 783,571,383 for recurrent.

The department is seeking an increase in the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 672,835,040 which will result to revised estimates of Ksh 1,456,406,243; which is an effect of Program1: General Administration and Support Service; Basic salaries- permanent and others to increase by Ksh. 693,832.403, a reduction in programme 2 quality management Ksh. 140,944; a reduction in programme 3 training research and development Ksh. 13,625,644; a reduction in programme 4 information, communication technology Ksh. 95,369,767; reduction in programme 5 ICT technology Ksh. 2,100,000 and a reduction in programme 6 closed circuit television Ksh. 1,879,640.

Madam Speaker, under development, the CEC-finance seeks to decrease the budget by Ksh. 27,390,745 for purchase of ICT infrastructure under programme 5 resulting to revised development estimates of Ksh. 6,243,079.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends allocation of Ksh. 229,959,991 to pay pending bills to LapTrust and LapFund and an amendment of Ksh. 100,000,000 be reduced from the proposed increment in basic salaries under Program1 and moved to department of Education to cater for Bursaries resulting to a revised recurrent expenditure for the department Ksh. 1,356,406,403. The committee further recommends that development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 33,633,824 to Ksh. 6,243,079.

2.3 Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization

Madam Speaker, the department of Trade, economic planning and industrialization had an approved budget of Ksh. 433,120,034 which constituted of Ksh. 143,549,414 for development and Ksh. 289,462,620 for recurrent.

The department is seeking to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 37,959,202 which is an effect of decrease under 1 on Headquarters Administrative services by Ksh. 8,522,165, a result of a decrease in utilities supplies services Ksh. 93,805 communication services Ksh. 313,000; domestic travels Ksh. 1,010,900; foreign travels Ksh. 583,300; printing and advertising services Ksh. 2,238,500; rentals of produced assets Ksh. 12,000; training expenses 463,660; hospitality supplies Ksh. 775,500; office and general supplies Ksh. 1,700,000; fuel, oil and lubricants Ksh. 31,500; other fuels Ksh. 31,500; other operating expenses Ksh. 200,000; routine maintenance other assets khs 1,100,000.

On trade development the CECM seeks to reduce by Ksh. 2,000,505 which is as a result of a reduction in domestic travel and subsistence costs Ksh. 1,222,732 and training expenses Ksh. 773,180; a further reduction in 3 business and Enterprise development by Ksh. 3,710,460 as a result of decrease in domestic travels Ksh. 957,800; decrease in foreign travels Ksh. 716,700; training expenses Ksh. 1,021,460 and hospitality supplies Ksh. 1,014,500.

The CECM further seeks a decrease in Machakos Investment Promotion Board by Ksh. 2,620,324 which results from reducing utilities and supplies Ksh. 71,000, communication supplies and services Ksh. 188,000, domestic travels and subsistence costs Ksh. 700,000, printing advertising and information Ksh. 100,000, rentals of produced assets 1,050,000, training expenses Ksh. 141,324, office and general supplies Ksh. 140,000, other operating expenses Ksh. 100,00 and routine maintenance Ksh. 30,000, maintenance of office furniture Ksh. 100,000

A further decrease in Legal Office by Ksh. 21,105,748 has been sought which results from a reduction in utilities supplies and services Ksh. 231,000, communication supplies Ksh. 904,250, domestic travels Ksh. 3,705,550, foreign travels Ksh. 2,397,520, rentals of produced assets Ksh. 42,925; training expenses Ksh. 2,356,485; hospitality supplies and services Ksh. 1,177,370; specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 220,500 and other operating expenses Ksh. 10,068,148, resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 251,503,418

Madam Speaker, under the department's development expenditure, the treasury seeks to reduce the budget by Ksh. 76,824,753 being the effect of decrease under program 1 administration and support services by Ksh. 308,500 which is an effect of a reduction of purchase of office furniture Ksh. 300,000 and purchase of a photocopier Ksh. 8,500; reduction on programme 2, trade development by Ksh. 27,997,145 which is a result of reduction in construction of building Ksh. 15,833,246 and construction of civil works Ksh. 12,163,896; a decrease in programme 3 industrial development by Ksh 16,640,855 which is as a result of a reduction in construction of building Ksh. 5,000,000, construction of civil works Ksh. 10,333,333, construction of SMEs zones Ksh. 6,750,000, construction of a pilot industrial park Ksh. 3,583,333 and purchase of a specialized unit jaw crusher Ksh. 1,307,521

It is further as a result of reduction in programme 4 investment promotion by Ksh. 5,350,000, in capital transfers to nonpublic enterprises and a reduction on legal Office by Ksh. 603,750 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 50,900,267.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 289,462,620 to Ksh. 251,503,418. The committee has rejected reductions on market shades under 2 Ksh. 15,833,246, Boda Boda sheds under Program 3 Ksh. 5,000,000 and recommends that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 143,549,290 to Ksh. 90,621,804

2.4 Department of Decentralized Units, County Administration, Environment and Solid Waste Management

Madam Speaker, in the department of County Administration and Decentralized Units portfolio, the approved budget was Ksh. 379,701,667 which constituted of Ksh. 67,378,025 for development and Ksh. 312,323,642 for recurrent expenditure. The department seeks to reduce recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 26,283,268 which is an effect of 1: reduction of General Administration and Support Services Ksh.26,348,268; reduction in program2 on Civic engagement by Ksh.3,532,180, reduction in program3 on administration and coordination services by Ksh.3,003,626, reduction in program4 on solid waste management by Ksh.4,597,750; reduction on Forensic and inspectorate services by Ksh.4,687,591 reduction in program7 on inspectorate management by Ksh.2,165,167 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 285,975,374.

Madam Speaker, the department proposes to decrease development expenditure by Ksh. 31,330,512 which is an effect of reduction in program, general administration and support services, on construction of building by Ksh., 15,736,332; reduction in programme 4, solid waste management, on purchase of specialized plants by Ksh. 96, 155; reduction on programme 4, forensics and inspectorate services by reducing Ksh. 1,600,000 in construction of building, reduction of Ksh. 7,811,012 on purchase of motor vehicles, reduction of Ksh. 1,992,013 on purchase of specialized machinery, Ksh. 1,900,000 on purchase of laboratory equipment and Ksh. 92,013 on purchase of ICT networking software. The CEC further seeks to reduce 6, investment in non-financial assets by reducing Ksh. 295,000 on construction of civil works, and Ksh. 3,800,000 on purchase of musical instruments resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 36,047,513

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 312,323,642 to Ksh, 285,975,374 and development budget be revised from Ksh.67,378,025 to Ksh 36,047513.

2.5 Department of Finance and Revenue Management

Madam Speaker, in the department of Finance and Revenue Management the approved budget was Ksh. 570,400,462 constituting of Ksh. 89,738,163 for development and Ksh. 480,662,299 for recurrent.

The department is seeking to reduce recurrent expenditure by Ksh.6,725,205, decrease 2, Ksh. 6,725,205 on emergency fund. Under development expenditure, the CEC finance proposes an increase of Ksh. 5,143,720 from 1 which is as a result of increase in purchase of vehicles and other transport equipment Ksh. 6,260,000; increase in purchase of vehicles Ksh. 6,260,000 and reduction in construction of building Ksh. 1,116,280. In programme 4 the CECM seeks to reduce Ksh. 99. He further seeks to reduce Ksh. 7, 334,941 on programme 7 county statistics which is as a result of a reduction of purchase of vehicles Ksh. 100,199; purchase of office furniture Ksh. 3; purchase of software Ksh. 6,734,740 and purchase of specialized plant equipment Ksh. 499,999. The resulting revised development estimates is Ksh. 87,546,943.

The committee recommends that the recurrent budget of the department be revised from Ksh. 480,662,299 to Ksh. 473,937,094 and further that development budget be revised to Ksh.87,546,843.

2.6 Department of Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources

Madam Speaker, the department of Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources had an approved budget of Ksh.923,043,236 which constituted of Ksh. 112,863,059 for recurrent and Ksh.810,180,177 for development. The department is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh.3,070,380 which is an effect of 1 (water and irrigation): decrease in specialized materials

Ksh.,500,000, decrease in other operating expenses by Ksh.500,000, 2 (irrigation schemes) decrease in Utilities supplies and services by Ksh. 500,351, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh.400,000, decrease in other operating expense Ksh. 250,000; 4 (general administration): increase in utility and supplies by Ksh. 9,895,000, decrease in communication supplies by Ksh.1,521,000, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.1,046,150, decrease in foreign travel by Ksh.500,000, decrease in printing and information by Ksh.400,000, decrease in rentals of produced assets by Ksh. 500,000, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 1,031,851, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh. 500,000, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh.105,000, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh.,600,000 decrease in other operating expenses by Ksh. 350,000, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh.500,000; Program5 (environment and natural resources) decrease in communication supplies by Ksh.490,000, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.964,000, decrease in rentals of produced assets by Ksh. 500,000, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh.35,000, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh.400,978, decrease in routine maintenance vehicles, by Ksh.490,000, decrease in routine maintenance, other assets Ksh.500,000 decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh. 631,050 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 109,792,679.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to reduce the development expenditure by Ksh.433,347,214 which is an effect of 1: (water supply and sewerage) decrease in fuel, oil and lubricants by Ksh. 73,289, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh.71,849, decrease in other infrastructure and civil works by Ksh.19,838,053, increase in refurbishment of construction works by Ksh.4,809,617; 2 (water resource management and storage) decrease in construction and civil works by Ksh. 27,512,000; Program3 (irrigation schemes) decrease in purchase of specialized plant and machinery by Ksh.73,367, decrease in other infrastructure and civil works by Ksh. 186,226,738; Program4 (general administration and support services) decrease in government pension and retirement by Ksh. 17,356,690, decrease in construction of civil works by Ksh. 120, decrease in purchase of vehicles and other (motor cycles) by Ksh.625,600 resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 376,832,963.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 112,863,059 to Ksh. 109,792,679. The committee further recommends that amount for construction of weirs of Ksh. 27,510,000 be retained, this will revise the development expenditure in the department be from Ksh. 810,180,177 to Ksh.404,344,963.

2.7 Department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development

Madam Speaker, the department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development had an approved budget of Ksh. 732,270,821 which constituted of Ksh. 369,505,035 for recurrent and Ksh. 362,765,786 for development. The department is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 29,957,104; which is an effect of 1 (general administration and support services) decrease in communication supplies by Ksh. 304,314; decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 676,245, decrease in foreign travel by Ksh.1,031,175, decrease in printing and information supplies by Ksh.790,263, decrease in hire of vehicles by Ksh.69,160, decrease in training expenses by Ksh.500,476, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh.203,009, decrease in insurance cost by Ksh.1,288,969, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 98,207, decrease in office general supplies by Ksh. 911,172, decrease in other operating expenses by Ksh. 238,014, decrease in routine maintenance vehicle by Ksh. 515,588, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh.708,421; 2 (crop development) decrease in communication supplies by Ksh.273,030, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.177,864; decrease in printing and information supplies by Ksh.294,622, decrease in training expenses by Ksh.103,117, decrease in

hospitality supplies by Ksh.107,627, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 294,621, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh.451,753, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh.1,530,239; 3 (livestock resource management.) decrease in utilities and supplies by Ksh.41,752, decrease in communication supplies by Ksh.95,485, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.105,407; decrease in printing and information supplies by Ksh. 197,509, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 432,435, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh. 2,759, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 537,101, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh. 607,423, decrease in fuel and lubricants by Ksh. 201,998, decrease in other operating expenses by Ksh. 73,655, decrease in routine maintenance vehicles by Ksh. 431,036, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh. 870,372; 4 (fisheries development);decrease in communication supplies by Ksh. 142,643, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.19,104; decrease in printing and information supplies by Ksh.110,285, decrease in training expenses by Ksh.185,070, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 475,844, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh.313,725, decrease in other operating expenses by Ksh. 22,096, decrease in routine maintenance vehicles by Ksh. 117,311, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh. 425,408; 5 (veterinary section) decrease in personal allowances paid by Ksh. 4,168,000, decrease in communication supplies by Ksh.348,496, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 525,028; decrease in printing and information supplies by Ksh. 50,203, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 157,794, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh. 784,007, decrease in routine maintenance vehicles by Ksh. 681,450, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh.712,123; Program7 (cooperative development and marketing) decrease in utilities and supplies by Ksh.143,425, decrease in communication supplies by Ksh. 240,677, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 150,000;; decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 815,760, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh. 300,000, , decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh. 857,000, decrease in routine maintenance vehicles by Ksh. 440,000, decrease in routine maintenance other by Ksh. 800,000; 8 (capacity building to cooperative societies) decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 300,200 and decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 150,000; 9 (promotion of cooperative marketing) decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 671,600 and decrease in training expenses by Ksh.125,000: Program10(cooperative financial services) decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.850,000and decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 150,000; 12 (cooperative audit support services) decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 485,028 and decrease in training expenses by Ksh.75,000 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 339,547,931.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to reduce the development expenditure by Ksh. 205,502,469 which is an effect of Program1 (general administration and support services): decrease in purchase of vehicles by Ksh. 130,860; 2 (crop development) decrease in fuel and lubricants by Ksh.1,689,435, decrease in purchase of specialized plant and machinery by Ksh.5,000,000, decrease in purchase of certified seeds and animals by Ksh.2,476,024, decrease in acquisition of strategic stocks by Ksh.6,874,000; 3 (livestock resource management) decrease in purchase of certified seeds and animals by Ksh.4,814,500; Program4(fisheries development)decrease in purchase of certified seeds and animals by Ksh.9,876,400; Program5(veterinary services) decrease in purchase of specialized plant and machinery by Ksh.2,200,000 and decrease in refurbishment of construction works by Ksh.7,630,778; Program6 (agriculture training center) decrease in refurbishment of construction works by Ksh.5,316,296; Program7(cooperative development)decrease in purchase of specialized plant and machinery by Ksh.10,300,000, decrease in refurbishment of building by Ksh.200,800 and decrease in other capital grants and transfers by Ksh.22,000,000 resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh.157,263,317.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 383,449,083 to Ksh. 369,505,035. The committee further recommends an allocation of Ksh. 10,492,000 for purchase and distribution of Chicks be retained as in the budget and rejecting an amendment of Ksh. 9,876,400 proposed by the county treasury in this program. This will revise the development expenditure from 362,765,786 to 255,474,498.

2.8 Department of Health and Emergency Services

Madam Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Health and Emergency Services was Ksh. 4,039,231,678 constituting of development expenditure of Ksh. 643,719,406 and Ksh.3,395,512,272 for recurrent. The CECM is proposing an increase in recurrent expenditure by Ksh.145,479,827 which is an effect in Program1: Current transfers and grants (Covid-19 staff allowances) Ksh. 97,560,000, and other current transfers and grants (conditional grant for emergency response for Covid-19) Ksh. 188,521,000, reduction of utilities supplies and services Ksh.387,577, reduction of communication supplies and services Ksh. 1,105,00, reduction of domestic travel and subsistence Ksh. 502,452, reduction on foreign travel and subsistence, Ksh. 962,815, reduction in printing and information supplies Ksh. 3,100,000, reduction in training expenses Ksh. 7,414,652, reduction in hospitality supplies and services Ksh. 60,600, reduction in office and general supplies Ksh. 2,985,696, 2 (MKS level 5): a decrease in foreign travel and subsistence by Ksh. 972,781, reduction in printing and advertising Ksh. 693,000, decrease in specialized materials and supplies (medical drugs, vaccines, TB, HIV aids and other) Ksh. 77,659,000, decrease in office and general supplies and services Ksh.1,953,000, decrease in other operating expenses Ksh. 308,800, decrease in routine maintenance and other assets Ksh. 8,462,000: 3 (KDO level 4) decrease in foreign travel and subsistence Ksh. 248,700, decrease in printing and information supplies Ksh.143,000, Reduction in specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 832,000, reduction in office and general supplies Ksh. 403,000, reduction in Fuel and Lubricants Ksh. 171,600, decrease in routine maintenance of other assets Ksh.2,222,000; Program 4 (Matuu leve4) decrease in foreign travel and subsistence Ksh.331,900, decrease in printing and information supplies Ksh.132,000, Decrease in specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 7,768,000. Decrease in office and general supplies and services Ksh. 192,000, Reduction in fuel oil and Lubricants Ksh.879,400, reduction in routine maintenance and other assets Ksh. 1,932,000: 5 (Kathiani level 4) decrease in foreign travel and subsistence Ksh.382,000, decrease in printing and information supplies Ksh.88,000, Decrease in specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 6,586,990. Decrease in office and general supplies and services Ksh. 248,000, Reduction in fuel oil and Lubricants Ksh.105,000, reduction in routine maintenance and other assets Ksh. 1,138,000: Program6 (Mwala level 4) decrease in foreign travel and subsistence Ksh.169,400, decrease in printing and information supplies Ksh.44,000, Decrease in specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 3,256,000. Decrease in office and general supplies and services Ksh. 60,000, Reduction in fuel oil and Lubricants Ksh.52,800, reduction in routine maintenance and other assets Ksh. 776,000.

(Emergency services): decrease in utilities supplies and services Ksh. 285,000, decrease in communication supplies and services Ksh. 277,000, decrease in domestic travel and subsistence Ksh.91,100; decrease in training expenses Ksh.7,620, reduction in routine maintenance Ksh.550,000, decrease in purchase of uniform Ksh. 425,000: 8 (public health and community outreach) decrease in utilities supplies and services Ksh. 300,000, decrease in communication supplie and services Ksh. 350,000, decrease in domestic travel and subsistence Ksh.533,350; decrease in training expenses Ksh.855,280, reduction in hospitality supplies and services Ksh.

550,000, decrease in office and general supplies Ksh. 269,750 reduction in routine maintenance sh. 825,000, reduction in purchase of uniform Ksh. 500,000; Reduction in field allowances Ksh. 143,310.

The CECM proposes an increase in development budget by Ksh. 90,386,640 being an effect of in Program2 (MKS level 5) reduction in refurbishment of buildings Ksh. 1,760,520; reduction in purchase of specialized plant Ksh. 4,967,499; increase in other capital Grants and transfers Ksh.190,000,000; Progra4 (Matuu level4) refurbishment of buildings Ksh. 1,583,239; reduction in purchase of specialized plant Ksh. 720,000; Program 5 (Kathiani level 14) decrease in construction of buildings Ksh. 479,821, decrease in refurbishment of buildings Ksh. 863,106; decrease in purchase of specialized plant Ksh. 650,000; Program 6 (Mwala Level 4) decrease in construction of buildings Ksh. 1,500,000,; decrease in purchase of specialized plant Ksh. 1,171,618; 8 (Public health): decrease in refurbishment of dispensaries Ksh. 68,000,000 resulting to a revised allocation of Ksh. 734,106,046.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the department be increased from Ksh. 3,395,512,272 to Ksh.3,540,992,099. The committee further recommends that development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 643,719,406 to Ksh.734,106,046.

Madam Speaker, with your permission and with the leave of the House, you will allow me to revisit 2.3 which is the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization to make a few corrections which is on page 8.

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead.

Hon. Ndambuki: Madam Speaker, under the he Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization, it had an approved budget of Ksh. 433,120,034 which constituted of Ksh. 143,549,414 for development and Ksh. 289,462,620 for recurrent. The department is seeking to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 37,959,202 which is an effect on decrease on Program 1 on headquarters administration services by Ksh. 8,522,165 as a result of decrease in utility supplies by Ksh. 93,085; communication services Ksh. 313,000; domestic travels Ksh. 1,010,900; foreign travels Ksh. 583,300; printing and advertising services Ksh. 2,238,500; rentals of produced assets Ksh. 12,000; training expenses 463,660; hospitality supplies Ksh. 775,500; office and general supplies Ksh. 1,700,000; fuel, oil and lubricants Ksh. 31,500; other operating expenses Ksh. 200,000; routine maintenance other assets Ksh. 1,100,000.

On trade development, the CECM seeks to reduce by Ksh. 2,000,505 which is as a result of a reduction in domestic travel and subsistence costs Ksh. 1,2227,325 and training expenses Ksh. 773,180; a further reduction in 3 business and Enterprise development by Ksh. 3,710,460 as a result of decrease in domestic travels Ksh. 957,800; decrease in foreign travels Ksh. 716,700; training expenses 1,021,460 and hospitality supplies Ksh. 1,014,500.

The CECM further seeks a decrease in Machakos Investment Promotion Board by Ksh. 2,620,324 which results from reducing utilities and supplies Ksh. 71,000, communication supplies and services Ksh. 188,000, domestic travels and subsistence costs Ksh. 700,000, printing advertising and information Ksh. 100,000, rentals of produced assets 1,050,000, training expenses Ksh. 141,324, office and general supplies Ksh. 140,000, other operating expenses Ksh. 10,000 and routine maintenance Ksh. 30,000, maintenance of office furniture Ksh. 100,000

A further decrease in Legal Office by Ksh. 21,105,748 has been sought which results from a reduction in utilities supplies and services Ksh. 231,000, communication supplies Ksh. 904,250, domestic travels Ksh. 3,705,550, foreign travels Ksh. 2,397,520, rentals of produced

assets Ksh. 42,925; training expenses Ksh. 2,356,485; hospitality supplies and services Ksh. 1,177,370; specialized materials and supplies Ksh. 220,500 and other operating expenses Ksh. 10,068,148, resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 251,503,418.

Madam Speaker, under the department's development expenditure, the treasury seeks to reduce the budget by Ksh. 76,824,753 being the effect of decrease under 1 administration and support services by Ksh. 308,500 which is an effect of a reduction of purchase of office furniture Ksh. 300,000 and purchase of a photocopier Ksh. 8,500; reduction on programme 2, trade development by Ksh. 27,997,145 which is a result of reduction in construction of building Ksh. 15,833,246 and construction of civil works Ksh. 12,163,896; a decrease in programme 3 industrial development by Ksh 16,640,855 which is as a result of a reduction in construction of building Ksh. 5,000,000, construction of civil works Ksh. 10,333,333, construction of SMEs zones Ksh. 6,750,000, construction of a pilot industrial park Ksh. 3,583,333 and purchase of a specialized unit jaw crusher Ksh. 1,307,521

It is further as a result of reduction in programme 4 investment promotion by Ksh. 5,350,000, in capital transfers to non-public enterprises and a reduction on legal Office by Ksh. 603,750 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 50,900,267.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 289,462,620 to Ksh. 251,503,418. The committee has rejected reductions on market sheds under Program2 Ksh. 15,833,246, Boda Boda sheds under Program3 Ksh. 5,000,000 and recommends that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 143,549,290 to Ksh. 90,621,804.

2.9 Department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing

Madam Speaker, the department of Transport, roads, public works and housing had an approved budget of Ksh. 1,438,338,090 which constituted of Ksh. 180,551,951 for recurrent and Ksh. 1,257,786,139 for development. The department is seeking to reduce recurrent expenditure by Ksh.21,265,920 which is an effect of Program1 (headquarters administrative services) a decrease in utilities and supplies Ksh. 210,000; reduction in communication supplies and services Ksh. 499,328; reduction in domestic travel and subsistence cost Ksh. 1,650,600; reduction in foreign travel and subsistence costs Ksh.654,700, reduction in printing and advertising Ksh. 63,000, reduction in training expenses Ksh. 972,520, reduction in hospitality supplies Ksh.307,500, reduction in specialized materials Ksh. 420,000, reduction in office and general supplies Ksh.75,000, reduction in other operating expenses Ksh. 391,600, reduction in routine maintenance Ksh.157,500, Decrease in hospitality supplies Ksh.1,200,000: Program2 (Road development and management) decrease in print and advertising Ksh.315,000, decrease in rental of produced assets at 280,000, decrease in hospitality supplies and services Ksh.275,000, decrease in specialized materials and services Ksh.525,000 decrease in office and general supplies Ksh.105,000, decrease in other operating expenses Ksh. 262,500: Program3(county government building services) decrease in utility supplies Ksh. 525,000, decrease in communication supplies and services Ksh.735,000, decrease in domestic travels Ksh.1,355,352, decrease in foreign travels Ksh.1,243,878, decrease in printing Ksh. 417,500, decrease in Training expenses Ksh.1,155,000 decrease in hospitality supplies Ksh. 521,900, decrease in Insurance costs by 2,754,492, decrease in specialized materials and services Ksh.2,470,125, decrease in office and general supplies Ksh.717,000, decrease in routine maintenance Ksh. 315,000, Program4 (county fleet Management) decrease in utility supplies Ksh.105,000, reduction in domestic travels Ksh. 52,800, decrease in hospitality supplies and services

Ksh.55,125, reduction in other operating expenses Ksh. 478,500 resulting to a revised allocation of recurrent budget Ksh. 159,286,031.

Madam Speaker, the department of Transport, roads, public works and housing had an approved development budget of Ksh. 1,257,786,139. The CECM is seeking to increase the development vote by Ksh. 192,892,890 which is an effect of Program1 (general administration and support services) decrease in aerodrome and Airstrip by Ksh. 60,000,000, increase of other capital grants and transfer Ksh.20,000,000,; Program 2 (road development management) reduction in construction of roads by 21,000,000: Program 3 (county government building) increase in construction of buildings by Ksh. 151,892,890, and Program4(county fleet management) increase in fuels, oils and lubricants by Ksh.60,000,000. The committee notes that the department has failed to carry out ward projects only to embark on refurbishment of buildings. The committee has rejected to approve the reallocation of Ksh. 151,892,890 for refurbishment of buildings and additional Ksh. 60,000,000 for fleet management.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the department be reduced from Ksh.180,551,951 to Ksh. 159,286,031.

The committee, under this development expenditure vote rejects the proposed increments of other capital grants and transfers under Program1 of Ksh. 20,000,000, allocation of Ksh.60,000,000 in Program4 on capital grants and transfers that were not specified and Ksh.151,892,890 under Program3 on County government buildings and recommends that Ksh.142,016,490 be allocated to rural access roads and Ksh.9,876, 400 be transferred to water under weirs to cover the deficit created by the rejected amendment in the department of water; this will result to a revised budget from Ksh. 1,257,786,139 to Ksh. 1,360,802,629.

2.10 Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare

The Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare had an approved budget of Ksh. 594,314,821 which constituted of Ksh. 233,981,523 for development and Ksh. 360,333,298 for recurrent expenditures. The department is proposing to decrease recurrent expenditure by Ksh.122,566,202 which is an effect of Program1 (administrative services) decrease in utilities and supplies Ksh. 181,087, decrease in communication services Ksh. 524,000, decrease in domestic travel Ksh. 2,433,983, decrease on foreign travel Ksh. 1,059,025, decrease in printing and advertisement services Ksh. 760,000, decrease in training expenses Ksh. 3,250,000, decrease in hospitality supplies Ksh. 1,370,000 decrease in routine maintenance Ksh. 250,000, decrease in other current transfers (Bursaries) by Ksh. 1,000,000. 2 (Basic Education) decrease on specialized materials Ksh. 250,000, decrease on Boards, Committees and seminars Ksh. 250,000: Program3 (Youth development services) decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 4,832,000, decrease on specialized materials by Ksh. 700,000, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh.700,000, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh. 750,000: 4 (gender and social services) decrease in Specialized materials by Ksh. 1,360,000, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 1,356,107, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh. 2,540,000 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 237,767,096.

Madam Speaker, I beg your pardon; I just seek to correct a figure that I have read erroneously under bursaries. I will read the sentence, Madam Speaker, with your permission; decrease in other current transfers (Bursaries) by Ksh. 100,000,000. Madam Speaker, I beg your pardon. I will continue.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to decrease development expenditure by Ksh.64,207,066 being the effect of 1 (general administration and support services) decrease in Construction of building 6,380,418, decrease in refurbishing of buildings by Ksh.1,016,007: 2

(Basic education) decrease in refurbishment of buildings by Ksh.663,876; under Program3 (youth development services), decrease on construction of building by Ksh.100,000, decrease in refurbishment of buildings by Ksh.29,312 resulting to a development vote of Ksh.169,774,457.

Madam Speaker the committee rejects the reduction in reallocation of bursaries by Ksh.100,000,000 and recommends that the bursaries be retain at Ksh. 230,000,000. This reviews the recurrent expenditure for the department from Ksh. 360,333,298 to Ksh. 337,767,096 and further recommends that development expenditure be decreased from Ksh. 233,981,523 to Ksh.169,774,457.

2.11 Department of Lands, Urban Development, Energy and Natural Resources

Madam Speaker, the department of land, Urban Development, energy and natural resources had an approved budget of Ksh.1,296,705,561 which constituted of Ksh. 1,136,523,345 for development and Ksh. 160,182,216 for recurrent.

Madam Speaker, the CECM Finance is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh.16,244,900 which is an effect of Program 1 (HQ administration services) reduction in utilities and supplies Ksh. 592, decrease communication services by Ksh. 270,300, decrease in domestic travel and subsistence by Ksh. 787,900, decrease in foreign travels by Ksh.853,733, decrease in printing and information services by Ksh.753,078, decrease in rental of produced assets by Ksh. 10,250, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 206,150, decrease in hospitality supply services by 268,900, decrease in insurance by Ksh.50,000, decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh. 530,000, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh. 380,000, decrease in routine maintenance (other assets) by Ksh. 100,000; Program 2 (housing and urban development) reduction in utilities and supplies by Ksh. 10,839, decrease communication services by Ksh. 50,000, decrease in domestic travel and subsistence by Ksh. 556,706, decrease in foreign travels by Ksh.847,996, decrease in printing and information services by Ksh.275,000, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 1,400,000, decrease in hospitality supply services by 200,000, , decrease in office and general supplies by Ksh. 250,000, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh. 50,250, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh.400,000, decrease in Fuel, oil and lubricants by Ksh.270,000, decrease in routine maintenance (other assets) by Ksh. 650,366; Program 3 (energy and natural resources) reduction in utilities and supplies Ksh. 1,100,000, decrease in domestic travel and subsistence by Ksh. 1,439,751, decrease in printing and information services by Ksh.35,980, decrease in training expenses by Ksh. 1,639,791, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 1,000,000, decrease in general supplies by Ksh. 126,158, decrease in fuel, oil and lubricants 1,600,000, decrease in routine maintenance by Ksh. 30,000

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to reduce development expenditure by Ksh.383,241,083 being the effect of 2 (physical planning and development) decrease in other capital grants and transfers (town planning) by Ksh.,4,401,646, decrease in other capital grants – transfers (urban) by Ksh.,12,274,119, decrease in other capital grants (spatial planning and valuation roll) by Ksh. 13,981,645, decrease in construction of buildings by Ksh.12,999,999; Program3 (County electrification) decrease in construction and civil works (*Mlika Mwizi*) by Ksh. 33,000,500.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 160,182,216 to Ksh. 143,937,316. The committee recommends that Program3 (County electrification) on *Mlika Mwizi* be reduced by Ksh. 21,014,663 and not Ksh. 33,000,500 proposed by the county treasury. The committee further recommends that an amount of Ksh.289,978,173 be retained under Program1 since the County allocation of revenue bill which had proposed the change was never approved by the national assembly. This will

result to a revised development expenditure budget of Ksh. 1,071,851,293 from Ksh. 1,136,523,345.

2.12 Department of Tourism, Culture, Sports and Co-Operative Development

Madam Speaker, the department of Tourism, Culture, Sports and Co-operative Development had an approved budget of Ksh. 347,883,985 which constituted of Ksh. 206,422,738 on development and Ksh.141,461,247 on recurrent expenditure. The County Treasury is seeking to decrease recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 31,544,982 which is an effect of program1: a decrease in Administration and Support Service by Ksh 9,519,804 which results from a decrease in basic salaries Ksh. 7,028,559, utilities supply Ksh. 148,450, communication supplies Ksh. 216,000, domestic travel and subsistence costs Ksh. 1,032,943; printing services Ksh. 400,000; training services Ksh. 74,452; hospitality supplies and services Ksh. 240,000; office and general supplies Ksh. 350,000 and routine maintenance and other assets Ksh. 29,400. A decrease in programme 2 heritage and culture by Ksh. 29,882; a decrease in programme 3 liquor management by Ksh. 652,360; a decrease in programme 4 tourism development and marketing by Ksh. 3,447,039; a decrease in program6 on County beautification by Ksh. 211,580 and a decrease in program7 on youth and Sports by Ksh. 17,694,317

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to decrease development expenditure by Ksh. 120,984,194 which is an effect of Program3: Tourism Development and Marketing, on construction of civil works Ksh. 979,694; a decrease increase in program4 management of recreational facilities, on construction of civil works by Ksh. 354,561, a decrease in program5, talent management on other capital transfers Ksh. 1,999,996; a reduction in 6 county beautification on other current transfers Ksh. 519,907; and a reduction in 7 youth and sports, on management and development of sports and sports facilities by reducing construction of buildings by Ksh. 15,019,741; purchase of specialized equipment Ksh. 4,892,479 and other capital transfers Ksh. 419,886. This results to a revised development budget allocation of Ksh.85,438,544

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 141,461,247 to Ksh. 109,906,265 and further recommends that development expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 206,422,738 to Ksh.85,438,544.

2.13 County Public Service Board

Madam Speaker, the County Public Service Board had an approved budget of Ksh.62,988,945 which constituted of Ksh. 7,647,903 on development and Ksh. 55,341,042 on recurrent. The department is seeking to decrease the recurrent expenditure by Ksh.3,266,909 which is an effect of Program1(Administrative section) decrease in utility supplies by Ksh. 75,020, decrease in communication supplies by Ksh. 1,715,318, decrease in domestic travel by Ksh. 157,494, decrease in other operating activities by Ksh. 550,000, decrease in printing and information by Ksh. 250,000, decrease in hospitality supplies by Ksh.247,600, decrease in specialized materials by Ksh. 20,000. Decrease in office general supplies by Ksh. 51477, decrease in routine maintenance (other assets) by Ksh.200,000.

The department proposes to decrease development expenditure on construction of buildings by Ksh. 7,647,903.

Madam Speaker the Committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the County Public Service Board be reduced from Ksh.55,341,042 to Ksh. 52,074,133. The committee

further recommends that the development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 7,647,903 to Ksh. Nil as proposed.

2.14 County Assembly

Madam Speaker, the County Assembly had approved budget of Ksh. 1,298,145,156 which constituted of Ksh.387,000,000 for development and Ksh. 911,145,156 for recurrent expenditure.

Madam Speaker the committee recommends that the County Assembly budget be maintained as approved considering that it is costed.

Effects of the supplementary

Madam Speaker, the overall effect of these proposed changes is a revision of the approved First Supplementary budget for FY2019/20 from Ksh. 13,491,370,161 to Ksh. 13,329,651,161. The analysis shows that the recurrent expenditure will increase by Ksh.529,355,775 while development expenditure will decrease by Ksh. 243,274,794. This translates to recurrent expenditure of Ksh. 8,634,977,193 which is 65 per cent of the budget and development expenditure of Ksh. 4,694,673,969 which translates to 35 per cent of the budget. Compensation to employees stand at Ksh. 5,619,958,538 translating to 42 per cent of the total revenue. This has been necessitated by allocation of by the payment of pension dues amounting to Ksh. 229,959,991 which is inform of pending. This supplementary budget is therefore in compliance with fiscal responsibility principles set out under Section 107(2)(b) of the PFM Act 2012.

Madam Speaker, on accommodating the recommendations by the Budget and Appropriations committee, the expenditure framework shall be Ksh. 4,694,673,969 (35 per cent) development, recurrent Ksh. 8,634,977,193 (65 per cent) and Compensation to employees shall be Ksh. 5,619,958,538 translating to 42 per cent of the total revenue.

3.0 OTHER OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Madam Speaker, the committee observed that;

1. Salary increments have taken the centre stage in the Second supplementary budget FY 2019/20 reallocations---

Hon. Speaker: Point of Order by Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Madam Speaker, before other observations, here is a section which the Chairman has not read; just above other observations and recommendations.

Hon. Speaker: They printed the document in a hurry but myself I do not even have what the Majority Leader is referring to so share with me what you have. I will just listen and put it here in my laptop; I think must have been an older edition of the report.

Hon. Ndambuki: I stand corrected by the Majority Leader; thank you. If you allow me, Madam Speaker, I will repeat effects of the supplementary budget; the entire section.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, you want him to go that far? I do not think so; you just read what you had not read. Let the Majority Leader tell you where it starts. Start with the paragraph reading 'based on.'

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Based on the above, the committee observes that the wards projects approved in the FY 2019/2020 totalled to Ksh. 15 million per ward. However, in light of accommodating pending bills in the current year, this has necessitated reduction of unds available. The committee recommends retention of Ksh. 120 million translating to Ksh. 3 million per ward. The projects are as annexed in this report, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Alright.

Hon. Ndambuki: I move to other observations and recommendations.

1. Salary increments have taken the centre stage in the Second supplementary budget FY 2019/20 reallocations....The committee recommends that increase in salaries should not be introduced after the Fiscal year budget to ensure checks on wage bill and adhere to PFM act.
2. The need to allocate funds for the Covid-19 pandemic and a vote to allow expenditure in the Budget. The CECM finance proposes to reallocate Ksh. 100 million for the pandemic and accommodate Ksh. 188 million grant from the national government to take cater for the pandemic.
3. The Covid-19 pandemic has socially and economically affected business network across the county hence the need to revise the proposed revenue for the County downwards implying that the county revenue may not support the wage bill in the future if measures are not put in place to tame the wage bill.
4. The national government reviewed the equitable share downwards leading to Budget cuts especially on development expenditure. The committee noted that development projects for the fiscal year 2019-20 need to be adjusted to 30 per cent of the budget as required in the Public Finance Management Act.
5. The committee has noted the payment of Ksh.229,959,991 million pending bill for Lapfund and LapTrust knowing the same had been deducted and paid from the employees' salaries. The committee has continuously budgeted for the employer contribution to this pension bodies over the years and the same flows together with employees' salaries and is not clear why it is being appropriated for again. The committee recommends that the funds be released to LapFund and LapTrust for payment of the retired employees. The committee will proceed to confirm from Lapfund and Laptrust the receipt of payment of the pending bill within 30days. The committee recommends that the matter be investigated by relevant investigation agencies.
6. The committee notes that the Second supplementary budget for FY 2019/20 was forwarded after a prolonged delay by the executive. This is followed by delayed

- budget estimates for the FY 2020/21. The committee recommends that recurrence of such delays be avoided from this day forward.
7. Reallocations in various departments are more than the stipulated 10 per cent in the Public Finance Management act. The law allows the County Assembly to approve a higher percentage in special circumstance as stipulated under Section 135(7) of the PFM Act.
 8. The committee notes that an emergency fund has been created under the health department and awaits regulations to be approved by this honorable assembly for operation of the fund.
 9. The committee was not provided with year to date expenditure reviews and IFMIS vote book to ascertain the need for reallocations in the departments. The expenditure details/column is ever missing in budgetary documents forwarded and never availed as requested. The same provides details on spending and reason for reallocations to the committee. The committee lacks details to explain to this honorable assembly how, where and when the executive spend Ksh. 1.5 billion on development. The committee recommends that the County Treasury adheres to Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya that provides that the County Executive Committee member shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County.
 10. The committee observed that funds were diverted to projects that were not budgeted for; like tarmacking of roads whose cost benefit analysis against upgrading of roads would have been restrained. Such projects end up expending the budget in one ward on roads the funds meant to be shared equitably in all wards. The committee recommends that the ADP should guide the projects to be implemented as it covers priority proposal by public and members of this Assembly.
 11. Members noted that Ksh. 100 million allocated for Aerodrome and Airstrip were not committed as budgeted. The CECM informed the members that there was a challenge over the land issue and if settled the project will be implemented. He further informed the committee that the Ksh. 40m was spent on survey and the balance of Ksh. 60m moved to fleet management. The committee questioned how the survey could have been done on land that had not been identified and recommends that the project be investigated and the amount of Ksh. 60 million be retained in the Aerodrome and Airstrip vote. The committee further recommends that the project be done away with in future county budget estimates.
 12. The committee notes the importance of a county monitoring and evaluation team and recommends for establishment of the same to follow up implementation of projects, guard against stalling of projects and provide continuous status reports on projects.
 13. The committee had sent a request to the CECM to create votes for development projects for each ward. The committee recommends for creation of the votes and that projects should be committed on early in the year and on timely basis considering the flow of funds from the exchequer.
 14. The committee observed that ICT development projects were never implemented yet the county is very poor in ICT. The committee recommends that spending of funds should correspond with the budgeted project.

3.1 CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, the approval of the Second Supplementary budget for the FY 2019/20 would give the County executive the opportunity to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, address the fall in county revenues, the payment of pending bills and the county the absorption rate of the County and avoid carrying forward balances that have been witnessed in the previous years. Ward projects remain intact as proposed by the Hon. Members.

4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Madam Speaker, the Budget and Appropriation 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 the meetings and in preparation of this report.

Madam Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee to table the FY 2019/20 Second Supplementary Budget before this Hon. Assembly for consideration and approval. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Ndambuki, for the laborious exercise of reading all those figures; you really made it well. Point of clarification from Hon. Kisila at this point! No.

Hon. Kisila: With your permission Hon. Speaker, before you propose the question, I just wanted to get a clarification on one point which the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader talked on before the report was read. We talked about voting on the report and I just wanted it to be clarified clearly on what we are going to be voting on because I want to make an amendment on the voting before the Speaker puts the Question.

Hon. Speaker: If I heard it right in one training---

(The Clerk at the Table consulted with the Speaker)

Hon. Kisila, it is good of course if you have an issue to raise it before I hear Hon. Kisila the advice that I am getting from the Table Clerk is that first I propose the question so that the report is owned by the House. Until I do that this report is still a report of the budget and appropriations committee so that you have no right until I propose the question. So let me go ahead and propose the question. If you have any issue let us discuss as we go on. So Hon. Members, I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, at this point I advise the debate in lieu of the motion and any other comments the members will have. Hon. Kisila, you still want to take up the question?

Hon. Kisila: Yes, Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the chairman of the committee for a very good and elaborate report. The only issue I have is before we debate on the report, we have not been given...before we debate the report I would like to make an amendment that we debate the report with the recommendations of the committee or we debate the report fully following the recommendations by the executive and whatever we are going to vote in this

Assembly should either help those members who are supporting the recommendations of the committee or the members who are supporting fully the recommendations of the executive without any amendments.

Because the committee has made very many amendments to the proposal by the executive and we have held several meetings with the executive. The leadership was taken through the entire process and we were explained on the need for us to work in harmony based on the fact that money on pending bills has been spent and the executive does not have any more money to divert to other projects. So Madam Speaker, I wanted your guidance on those two aspects so that when we come to voting we can be guided fully on the basis of we vote on what the committee is recommending or we vote on what the executive fully...

Hon. Muendo: Point of, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Kisila: I wanted to move that amendment and I am calling upon...

Hon. Speaker: A moment Hon. Kisila; a point of information. Majority Leader?

Hon. Muendo: Hon. Speaker, it is very clear and this is a House of law what is before us is a report from a committee any other recommendation from executive is not in the House so we cannot go back and vote and something which is not from the committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of concern. Do we have such a provision in the Standing Orders? Under what standing order is there a point of concern?

Hon. Ndawa: Hon. Speaker, it is a concern and we kindly seek your guidance. Madam Speaker, from the word go we agreed that we are going to be voting and it is most likely that when we come to voting it will either yes or no. Would you mind to make it clear what are the predicaments of voting yes and what are the predicaments of voting no.

The question where I am asking such question Madam Speaker, I believe this is a negotiated document because we had the meeting with His Excellency the Governor and he made it very clear that the only available monies for the ward projects is Ksh. 1.5 million and I can see in this document Ksh. 3 million. If we say yes, where is the other money to top up what is available? That is why I am asking what the predicament is; what are the effects of saying yes and what are the effects of saying no before we start the debate.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you know do not put me in a difficult position. Let me tell you I saw this report when you saw it here. I am not a member of the budget and appropriations committee and I usually keep away from committees until they bring the reports here and that is why I was keenly reading it as I was given on the computer and Hon. Members procedurally this is a report of a committee and you know you are the House; you can approve it or you can throw it out. And now you cannot approve it before you debate. You cannot start voting on it before you debate Hon. Kisila

So that if we can debate then when it comes to the point of voting we can say can we also agree on what we are voting on from the debate that we are having on the basis of the report that you have because know if you start asking me to say what you are voting on it is like now I am changing I am to change the report of the committee on budget here before the debate. I can

see you are opening the Standing Orders please go ahead because it was your point. Hon. Museku I will come to you.

Hon. Kisila: Hon. Speaker, again I want to just agree with what Hon. Ndawa is saying. We want your guidance and it is very critical that you give us guidance as we debate on this. I am standing on Order 51 on amendment on motions and it is very clear that a member can stand up immediately after the question has been put to seek an amendment to the motion and that is exactly what I was trying to achieve. I am seeking an amendment to debate this motion---

Hon. Muendo: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader let us hear him then I will come to you.

Hon. Kisila: I am moving an amendment so that we debate the report on those who are supporting the recommendations of the committee and those who are supporting fully the recommendations of the executive and when it comes to voting, we will vote on those two lines. I am just saying I want that to be clear from the word go that we will be voting on two grounds. We will be voting on and please, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Museku: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment *Mheshimiwa* Museku I will come to you because what he is proposing is not necessarily what you is going to carry the day---

Hon. Kisila: Exactly.

Hon. Speaker: I will come to you.

Hon. Kisila: Please be patient all of us have a right to be here.

Hon. Speaker: You are standing under Standing Order 21.

Hon. Kisila: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: After the question is proposed that you can propose an amendment.

Hon. Kisila: Yes. And I am just proposing an amendment that we debate the report and when it comes to voting we should vote on those who are supporting the recommendations of the committee and those who are supporting the recommendations of the executive fully. And I wanted to move that amendment and if you allow me I will call Hon. Minority Leader to second my amendment.

Hon. Speaker: Before you call for seconding of the amendment just Hon. Kisila. Hon. Museku, you had a point of information?

Hon. Museku: Maybe you needed to give guidance because Madam Chair, as far as I am concerned the procedure is a committee has brought a report before the House. A committee has a mandate---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, let me see the Standing Order you are referring to on that issue.

Hon. Museku: The committee has a mandate to bring a report in this House and the House has a mandate to debate on the report and the House has a mandate to either accept the report point by point or propose an amendment on a report in the House on the report which has been presented here. Such that Hon. Speaker, what I am trying to say is if for example there has been an amendment which has been brought here to increase funds from Ksh. 1.5 million to Ksh. 3 million then that amendment is to be made a vote is done. A proposal is made and a vote is done whereby using the method is said, every member wakes up and says whether is voting for money to be removed from his ward or is voting for money to be increased in his vote.

So my suggestion Madam Speaker, from my view is that we have a committee report before the House which has given clear recommendations on item by item and therefore procedurally we need to debate on the report and put question on an item which is in doubt in the report such that an Hon. Member will say I do not agree with my ward being given Ksh. 3 million I go with what the Governor said give us Ksh. 1.5 million and a vote is put and members wake up individually and attain to that but we cannot not now stand up here and debate and say that we are agreeing on a proposal which is not before the House.

Or on a proposal which is... because as it is right now the only proposal before the House is a report by the committee of budget and we do not have the proposal by the executive before the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Muendo: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Majority Leader, you have a point of information?

Hon. Muendo: Madam Speaker, I think we are putting the cart before the horse. Definitely, in this House we debate on motions and if there is an amendment, it will be in the committee of the whole House. So, the Hon. Member can wait that moment in the committee of the whole House and put his amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Any other member who wants to say something before I give my guidance? Hon. Kiteng'u?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, what I would like to say is that what members are trying to enquire is the guidance that has been given by Hon. Museku. Whereby we need to be guided especially we have not even started debating but we need to be guided what are we voting for? Because if I am not wrong I have gone through the report, the report has got a lot of amendments whereby we cannot go point by point.

If we go point by point, then we will have to vote more than even 40 times because if, for example, on my side I would like to know because I was told like some of our monies like the

money for local travels and foreign travels for Members of the Assembly are not going to be utilized but I have seen the County Assembly budget has been retained; so where will that money go? So we need to debate and note and be guided by you Hon. Speaker, exactly what are we voting? Are we voting on Ksh. 1.5 million to Ksh. 3 million or are we voting on each and every amendment which the budget committee has made. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, finally?

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, maybe the most important thing as you have heard from the Hon. Members who have stood is that we need your guidance. Madam Speaker, thank you very much. Madam Speaker, I am only standing on a point of clarification on to what Hon. Members are seeking in regard to the guidance on the Machakos County Supplementary Budget of 2019/2020 in regard to during your communication that is where the question is coming up maybe. It is not maybe members are not very clear when during your communication you said about the voting but procedurally Madam Speaker, as I understand normally a report which is brought into the House is normally given by a certain committee. Like, a good example, we are getting I mean we have been given the report on the supplementary budget of 2019/2020.

It is on that strength, Madam Speaker, that I will say that as we continue and I say this during your communication when you called me I said when need arises for example if there is any amendment that will arise Madam Speaker, we shall come to that but more importantly Madam Speaker, is that the worry is that there was, as we say the executive through the finance CEC Member brought his proposals and so the worry would have been if there had been any adjustment or if there will be any shortfalls to what the executive wants in regard to their proposal that they brought.

Taking into consideration Madam Speaker, you remember H. E the Governor voiced about the pending bills that in case they are interfered with, one, there is this danger of the staff and all of us not getting our salary. Madam Speaker, you remember there was a letter from the national government that pending bills were supposed to be paid in full so that our salaries are not going to be interfered with. The covid-19 funding should not be interfered with because everybody---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader, please finalize.

Hon. Kamitu: Yes. So on that regard, Madam Speaker, we wanted your guidance on that regard so that there should be no friction. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Members you have before you a report of a committee that has been proposed. And do not forget that this is a report that is going to result into a legislation and there are strict provisions on how you do legislation. We are now on the second reading, we are now on the debate sorry we have not even gone to second reading and this is a matter where we are supposed to be debating the report of the committee and then you make a vote.

And then we move to the next step which is second reading and we move to third reading committee of the whole which is not even where we have the so that you can do all the amendments you want. The opportunity to amendment is not extinguished Hon. Kisila you still

have an opportunity to do all the amendments you want. Are we in agreement? Alright, let us continue. Hon. Members, now you are ready to start debating. Hon. Helen.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the budget committee for a well written and detailed report, for burning the midnight oil and doing such a report. However, I would request that in future such reports are given to members at least 24 hours before this meeting.

(Applause)

These grievances are arising as a result of not even capturing as the report is being read because we did not have enough time to digest and understand.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Helen.

Hon. Museku: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku you do not need to inform Hon. Ndeti; I will inform her. The committee on budget and appropriations has been working under extraordinary circumstances. Firstly, because we are in the Covid period and secondly because the Estimates came late. If the committee had the leisure of time, in fact, this report should have been shared before 24 hours.

It is about money so you need to digest read and understand so let us understand where we are coming from ...appreciate working in the difficult situations and I mentioned that I did give them up to 3rd of June to bring the report they were not able. Up to this morning we were to start at 10 a.m. they were not able. We started at noon unless now members you want us to adjourn and then we advertise another special sitting and you tell me whether it will serve any purpose when we have just two weeks to end of June. It is upon you to decide. Hon. Museku, point of information?

Hon. Museku: Yes. Madam Speaker, just for the purpose of informing the House as late as 7 p.m. last night, we got a different worksheet from the executive. 7 p.m. last night the budget committee did not have the final copy of this document. 7 p.m. and therefore the Hon. Member is very right...

Hon. Speaker: Address the Chair, Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: I am just pointing...I have not spoken to her. The Hon. Member is very right Madam Speaker, in saying that this House and even as a committee needs enough time to be able to go through this report in future because it is also important to note that this House requested for this report in March we have a letter written by the Hon. Speaker, to the executive requesting for the supplementary budget in the month of March and from March I am talking about we were getting the final work sheets being amended last night 9th of June at 7pm from the time it was requested in March.

Therefore, I do believe that personally, Madam Speaker, the budget committee under the chairmanship of Hon. Dominic Ndambuki has done all what was humanly possible to be able to provide this House with the current document which they have. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us go into the substantive debate now.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think I was answered before I finished what I wanted to say but I said the committee has done their best. Now, one because there is no time to digest this information I have got two comments to make. One, I am very happy that the committee has rejected the reduction of bursaries and has retained the Ksh. 100 million I am very happy about that being the vice chair of education committee.

Secondly, on the pending bills my comments are that in future the county must learn to budget for any procurement because it is very unfortunate that right now we are moving monies that were budgeted for recurrent expenditure, delivery of proper services is going to be affected because if that money is already taken to pay pending bills I am sure somebody somewhere will suffer. So in future this is something or it is learning for the county for the executive to take note of. Third, my last point is that...I think I am okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndeti. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I want us to be honest with ourselves as members of the County Assembly and be fair to our County. Madam Speaker, we have had meetings with the executive in fact the executive in the first meeting called the leadership of this House and the executive took us through the challenges they have gone through. First thing, pending bills which had not been budgeted for and they said the government has insisted the Governor said that the Treasury has instated the pending bills must be paid. They went further and you remember when H. E the Governor when we went to his office; he even read a letter insisting that pending bills be paid.

Secondly, we have the corona virus which had not been budgeted for. Madam Speaker, even after that the deputy governor called all the *waheshimiwa* to present their proposals based on the available money. They took us through the available money and we found out that we could only get Ksh. 1.5 million for the remaining...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila just listen to the information, Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: I want to inform Hon. Kisila that the executive did not show any paper work to show what they were speaking and what they are giving correspond to what they are speaking about.

(Applause)

So maybe that is why we have these changes and we have the committee to interrogate the report which they were given by the executive. So we should not take that what we are given by the executive is just a law but a proposal which we should look at, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, proceed.

Hon. Kisila: I knew that information. Thank you for informing me on what I knew. Now, we can debate here and try to put numbers into this document which are not practical. We only have two weeks to be able to get any procurement done. In fact, I will draw your attention to

page No. 7 whereby the committee recommends creation of a vote for purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43 million for county assembly. Now, we have two weeks to the end of the financial year how long will you take to procure those vehicles? Page No. 9.

Hon. Museku: Point of information, Madam Speaker please?

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, please.

Hon. Museku: I think if he reads---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila we are here for a debate even if it means up to midnight. Hon. Museku?

Hon. Museku: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think I would like to inform the Hon. Member to read what is written. It is said that the committee recommended in the first supplementary budget; not this one. This is information which the committee is giving that we had recommended in the first supplementary budget that this money should be allocated for roads and the committee notes clearly that this has not yet been executed. There is no... the committee is just bringing up for information. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, for that information, my classmate Madam Speaker, notwithstanding, even if we sit here and make recommendations on changing the budget we will not have time to be able to implement...

Hon. Muendo: Point of information Madam Speaker.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I would like to pursue my argument let people not get itchy on their seats Madam Speaker. Let me make---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, we do not have people here who are getting itchy because they do not have a rash.

Hon. Kisila: I think it is only fair a Member allows the other one to make their argument.

Hon. Speaker: You do not also use that unpalatable language.

Hon. Kisila: I withdraw that comment.

Hon. Speaker: Information from Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wonder when a Member is misleading the House saying we are changing the budget. Which budget are we changing? This is a report of a committee which we are debating and we are not changing a budget, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila just proceed, and Hon. Members, as Hon. Kisila proceeds, there are some issues we may need to think about even as a House. Firstly, we have two weeks to the end of this financial year. It is time to salvage a certain situation under this budget or through this budget and at the same time you are talking of pending bills, at the same time you are talking of development. Development in the wards, is it not possible even as you debate all of you to wake up and say for me on this report when you say that we take this money from here I wonder what is going to happen to pending bills. Is it not possible to be specific?

That is what I am asking. If it is about the ward development, is it not possible to say that if you say now Ksh. 120 million and in the circumstances we are in, where will it come from? Can we bring it to this one so that then as a House you debate specifically without just saying generally because otherwise you will not get far on this budget, Members? We will not go far. If you find that there is a certain area which has that huge impact taking into account pending bills and taking into account issues of ward development, taking into account the period remaining, and remember this supplementary budget is supposed to unlock certain issues on release of money to the county.

You remember that? So as you debate please have these issues in mind because you can always say then we do not pass the supplementary budget the effect is that we will wait up to around September when we go into the financial year budget so that then we can get what we need. Just be rational and look at what we can do, what you can move, what you can retain and give the reasons because in the end it is the House that is going to make a decision. And remember we have a report of a committee which you must debate. If you feel you are not satisfied with this say I propose we do not have it and let us leave it up to now the voting. It is so easy. Hon. Kisila. Hon. Maitha, Hon. Kisila had not finished.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. That is a very good guidance you have given us and please do not look at me like ...let no member look at me like...hear what I am saying. Madam Speaker, has put it very well we have got money for example which the executive wants to pay for lap trust and LapFund and LapTrust.

Hon. Speaker: Take us to the page.

Hon. Kisila: Page No. 9. Madam Speaker, when we were taken through this process through the leadership, we were told this has to be paid. The Deputy Governor.....Madam Speaker, I would like your protection especially from *Mheshimiwa* Museku.

(Laughter)

Please Madam Speaker, *Mheshimiwa* Museku, stop gesturing when I am making my contribution.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku, did you do that?

Hon. Kisila: Yes. He is doing this.

(Hon. Kisila demonstrated how Hon. Museku gestured)

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead now I am going to watch them.

(Laughter)

So that they can follow you. I will make sure that I see all of them.

Hon. Kisila: Yes, please.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katumo, you laughing very wildly.

Hon. Kisila: All of us when we are seated on this side, we are all equal.

Hon. Speaker: Let us go on I am watching now.

Hon. Kisila: LapFund and LapTrust.

Hon. Speaker: I am also seeing Hon. Nziva whom I was seeing because of this post so I am---

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We are all just making contributions for the betterment of our county. So LapFund and LapTrust money we were told is a pending bill and must be paid. Now, the recommendation they are making is to amendment of Ksh. 100 million reduced. Now---

Hon. Museku: Point of information please Madam Speaker; allow me Madam Speaker, because from that point, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku, just a moment. Hon. Kisila, an information let us agree will only be if a Member has cited the report wrongly. Can we agree on that? And it is not a point of argument.

Hon. Kisila: Yes, please.

Hon. Speaker: So Hon. Museku give the information in one minute.

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the Hon. Member that the budget committee did approve the payment of the Ksh. 230 million. It has not reduced the Ksh. 230 million. It has approved the payment of the entire Ksh. 230 million; what it has recommended is that once it is paid we will confirm it is paid and the next thing is that it needs to be investigated...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Okay thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You have given the information sit down. Hon. Kisila on LapFund and LapTrust, there is no debt that is the way it looks.

Hon. Kisila: But Madam Speaker, this is not what is written here unless what is in Hon. Museku's mind let it be translated and written on the report.

Hon. Speaker: Read the page.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Point of information Madam Speaker.

Hon. Kisila: Page No. 8.

Hon. Speaker: Go on.

Hon. Kisila: The last paragraph...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, unless I have given you permission you do not talk. I am the one who is listening to Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: It says---

Hon. Speaker: You are also listening but do not talk. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Sorry, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila go ahead.

Hon. Kisila: It is the last recommendation which is; Madam Speaker, the committee recommends allocation of Ksh. 229 million to pay pending bills to LapFund and LapTrust. Page 8.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku and Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Kisila: An amendment of a Ksh. 100 million be reduced from---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Annastaciah, you need not talk when another Member is on their feet and contributing; we want death silence. We want to hear the Member properly. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Madam Speaker, can I invoke the member to save time?

Hon. Speaker: That is on the same?

Hon. Kisila: On the same?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes, on the same.

Hon. Speaker: It is okay Hon.... you want to do what?

Hon. Kiteng'u: To inform the member so that we can save time.

Hon. Speaker: You want to inform the member on the same?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes, on the same.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. I would like Hon. Kisila to go to page 27 number four.

Hon. Speaker: Page 27?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes. The committee has noted the payment of 229,950,991 million pending bill for LapFund and LapTrust knowing the same had been deducted and paid for by the employees' salaries. And once you go down there the committee has approved the amount of money; it has not reduced.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, please move to another point. Not on that point because you have been informed by two members and the report is correct. Go to another point.

Hon. Kisila: My other point is on monies for department of transport.

Hon. Speaker: That is on page?

Hon. Kisila: It is on page 19. Madam Speaker, the department of transport and housing had approved a development budget of... the CEC is seeking the increase of development vote in one and it goes and says further there the committee has rejected to approve the reallocation of Ksh. 151 million for refurbishment of buildings and an additional Ksh. 60 million for fleet management when very clearly we know and we were taken through their pending bills in that department. Now the question is if we do not approve we reject their recommendation, how will the department be able to pay pending bills to that department.

Hon. Speaker: Alright that is an issue...I can see the Hon. Chair budget is it an information or point of order Hon. Dominic? Hon. Kisila we understand the situation in which we are working let us be informed. Please inform us?

Hon. Ndambuki: Madam Speaker, still under the same narration we did not move the monies to other departments but we did internal reallocation and we allocated Ksh. 142 million to roads under the same department.

Hon. Speaker: So the money is still within the department of roads?

Hon. Ndambuki: Roads and transport.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, does that satisfy your question?

Hon. Kisila: Because there are pending bills in that department that need to be paid now and if we reallocate to other departments and let us be fair to each other; how will the pending bills be paid?

Hon. Speaker: He said...Hon. Chair said that the movement is within the same department.

Hon. Maitha: Point of Order.

Hon. Masesi: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment for point of order from Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, I am wondering because normally when we are debating, we debate the report and then we go to the votes; you have allowed one Member that all time to continue making misleading statements. Can't you allow us to debate?

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: As you normally do, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, resume your seat your time will come I can assure you. Your time will come and the time of every other member will come and for that purpose Hon. Kisila you should be winding up your submission to the debate.

Hon. Kisila: It is very unfortunate as Hon. Ndeti has put that we actually got this report as we were debating it otherwise Madam Speaker, the reason why we are asking these questions is because the report is not clear and we are just seeking clarification as we progress so there is nothing out of the way which I am doing. My last point Madam Speaker, because has made a lot of changes, my last point is on page 20. The committee under this development expenditure rejects the proposal of increment of other capital grants or transfers. I want to sit down and say the minute you reject what the executive has proposed you have actually changed the entire document.

So that is the reason why I think Madam Speaker, we should vote on...and you made it very clear Madam Speaker, we do not have time. We should vote on retaining what the executive had presented or we vote on what the committee has proposed because it has rejected a lot of proposals from the executive. And I kind of feel it has completely altered the entire proposal of the executive. So Madam Speaker I am sitting down on that point and saying when it comes to the committee of the entire House as you rightly put it we should seek amendments to their proposals committees report proposals and amend them.

Hon. Speaker: We will cross the river when we get there. Hon. Kisila. Thank you. Any other member who wants to contribute? Okay Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I first want to appreciate the report by the budget committee. Madam Speaker, I must assure the House that the Assembly will be fair enough in fact, more than fair Madam Speaker, paying Ksh. 229 million for funds which we are very sure Madam Speaker, we have got pay slips as employers Madam Speaker, when my pay slip is being deducted some amount like Ksh. 50,000 I am sure and Madam Speaker, it is true that that money should be directed to where the monies have been deducted to avert (??) that position. Madam Speaker, the committee has gone ahead and paid those monies knowing these monies Madam Speaker, were allocated and they cannot be accounted for.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the health department, Madam Speaker, we are seeing there are some conditional grants of Ksh. 188 million Madam Speaker, which as a committee Madam Speaker, we will have to follow the matter and being given a breakdown and proposals of using these amounts Madam Speaker. If they are not shared to the county government of Machakos Madam Speaker, and if they were received Madam Speaker, it will be too bad for the department of health because they have been saying they have not received any monies from the national Government.

Madam Speaker, if you look at some of the argument by some of the Members is that we will have Ksh. 158 million to be budgeted for refurbishment of houses but we cannot afford to approve Ksh. 120 million for our Wards. This is the only change I am seeing the budget committee did affecting the whole of the budget.

(Applause)

Just Ksh. 60 million an additional amount to the proposed Ksh. 1.5 million. So, Madam Speaker, I do support fully the report with the said amendments in the betterment and for the interest of our people who sent us to this Hon. House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masesi. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me first start by congratulating the budget committee as we are all aware that, this proposal came very late. I want to make a few points on this report. First, Madam Speaker, this report is a good report because when we reflect as Members of this Assembly, let us, first of all, take a look at how much we allocate on the table of the Executive in this 2019/20 Financial year. Let me remind the Members of this Hon. House that, our development budget was Ksh. 4 billion that is what was supposed to go to development.

Madam Speaker, we keep on talking about pending bills here. Let me give you an example; if the pending bills because we are told they were about Ksh. 900 million. Put even Ksh. 1 billion not even Ksh. 900 million, you are left with Ksh. 3 billion. Remove the Ksh. 1 billion from grants and we are left with Ksh. 2 billion. When I hear Hon. Members talking about transferring this money, I what is going to pay the pending bills with. We had an agreement with the Executive and we agreed that this Financial Year let us stick with Ksh. 15 million although we wanted Ksh. 20 million, we were given Ksh. 15 million and we agreed on this Ksh. 15 million must go to our people because we are here to represent our people and we are here to oversee what is going to happen to our people on the project.

Madam Speaker, I was just reminding the Members that, even if the so-called pending bills were Ksh. 1 billion, our budget was Ksh. 4 billion. So, when you remove the grant of Ksh. 12 billion, you are left with Ksh. 2 billion. Now, I understand some of the Members are saying

we were called and told but Madam Speaker, I was there when we were called and we were given a piece of paper.

In fact, it is me who requested because there were no documents, we were just being lectured by one of the Directors of Finance and I asked, Bw. Deputy Governor, how can you call Members here and there is no working document; it is like a lecture. What are we going to tell our Members? Then the figure came starting with Ksh. 540 million, then I asked, why can't we be shown the Ksh. 2 billion which we had passed in this House for development? Now we have a balance of Ksh. 500. Where did the balance of Ksh. 1.6 billion go to? We were not shown. Let us call a spade a spade.

Madam Speaker, when I look at this report, from Ksh. 15 million which we were promised by the executive, we have now gone down to Ksh. 3 million. Madam Speaker, when you do the calculation of that percentage.

I wonder when we Hon. Members are forgetting our duty and assuming the work of the executive. I have seen Hon. Members trying to justify the pending bills which they do not know what the figure is. We know some of us when we talk of LapFund, it is deducted at the source when you get your pay slip. This is real let us not be blackmailed, let us not be told other things. We have given them---although for me I do not feel comfortable with that Ksh. 299 million because if LapFund is deducted from your salary, how does it come in as a pending bill?

(Applause)

This is money we are approving for people to spend. Madam Speaker, let us be and do the business which brought us here. We talk of COVID-19, we have been questioning the executive who approved this money you are spending on COVID-19? The law is very clear it must be approved by the Assembly. I have seen the money has been spent, now we are here to approve what has been spent and we have not even been involved. The level at which we were involved is when we were called there to be given three tanks worth Ksh. 10,000. That is when this Hon. House was involved in the COVID-19. Is it worth it?

Hon. Members, let me say this when you look at the observation of the committee, it is really what is happening in Machakos. Yes, we are talking about pending bills which one of the Hon. Member has been referring to since we started this session, then he is saying this money was not budgeted for. What is the work of the treasury? You cannot budget money without budgeting the pending bills, debts are part of the budget. So, for sure I know this money was budgeted for. It is something which is being done to confuse and let me say as the position of a party, we are not supporting Ksh. 1.5 million because what can Ksh. 1.5 million do in a year?

(Applause)

We do not live in space, we know what Makueni is getting, we know what Kitui is getting, we know what Kiambu is getting but here we are all blackmailed by pending bills. Those Counties also had pending bills and they also paid and they are doing projects. Madam Speaker, as I conclude, let me remind the Members that, this document we are discussing here I do not the Hon. Member of Mwala is saying about another document we voted for. There is no other document, let me inform him, we do not have that one that he is referring of executive, it is not in the House and so we cannot compare.

Madam Speaker, the committee of budget sat down with the CEC, finance who is the Deputy Governor and they negotiated from Ksh. 1.5 million---the committee was talking about

Ksh. 15 million, the Government was talking about Ksh. 1.5 million and then they met at Ksh. 3 million and that was agreed. I wonder when we hear the executive gave us a lecture of Ksh. 1.5 million; is the Deputy Governor not part of the executive?

(Applause)

Let us do what brought us here; we have seen a lot of issues in this County. I was with you when we led the leadership of this House to negotiate with the Governor on how we are going to be working and we did but I feel we honored what we agreed but the executive did not honor what we agreed on.

(Applause)

It is not the time when I am asking Ksh. 3 million to go to the people of Kinanie, it is not going to my home, that is when the people of Kinanie send me to bargain for more. So, the Members who want to take Ksh. 1.5 million to their Wards can take it but Madam Speaker---

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, as we debate let us not start making populist statements that some of us.

(The Speaker spoke off the mic)

Okay. Madam Speaker, the Majority Leader was part and parcel of the meeting of leadership which went through a document and they were taken through and he agreed that there are no funds available.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. That is not information according to me. I think he was outside when I said that we were lectured by one of the directors of Finance. It is me who asked where we were starting from. There was no working document.

Hon. Speaker: He actually asked.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am almost finishing. I was trying to explain and say this document that we have here was negotiated for by the executive and the budget committee and in my position as the Leader of the Majority in this Assembly, I would like first to say that, we meant well for the people of Machakos when we went and met with the Governor but today I imagine a whole year a budget of Ksh. 4 billion, I am now going home with Ksh. 3 million; it is sad.

Madam Speaker, again there is an issue which is being raised by Members, we live in Machakos and we love Machakos but the executive is saying there is no time of spending Ksh. 3 million. Let me inform them, the procurement Act, the limit of a quotation is Ksh. 4 million, a quotation can be brought in the morning and in the evening, it is awarded.

(Applause)

Why are we being taken for a ride as we have not been to school and as if we do not know the law? We do business and even the *mama mboga* will tell you. So, when we are being told that this Ksh. 3 million cannot be spent, I am telling the Hon. Member that, we can do purchasing of the Ksh. 3 million in two days and we finish through a quotation. In my case, I only need water tanks and pipes. That is with Ilaa Supplies, Akamba Timber supplies. That one you just need to go with a quotation and tomorrow he gets the LPO and then I proceed. So, Madam Speaker, let us not have some Members who are very clever trying to teach us about procurement. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, Minority Leader. I will come to you Hon. Member.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much, Madam Speaker. I do not want to dwell very much on arguments. We have received a report through the budget committee. My contribution would be as a Member of Minority and the eyes of the Government, I happen to be lucky that I was invited into the budget committee and on the same note our CEC, Finance who happens to be our Deputy Governor came into the budget committee and on a fact that he brought his---not expectations because he was invited in the committee by the budget committee.

He listened to us because he was given time and he gave us what he wanted as the Minister and the CEC, Finance but one thing it is known even to us that there was this urgency of us at the budget committee to take into consideration---

Hon. Museku: Point of order Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order Hon. Museku. Hon. Kamitu, just a moment.

PROCEDURAL MOTION EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, thank you. I stand on a point of order number 27 to request for extension of time.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 27(2), provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 6.30 p.m. for the afternoon:

Aware that Standing Order 27(3), provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires Motion to extend sitting time to be moved at least 30 minutes before the time appointed for adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the Motion that, the House resolves to extend its sitting time until we finish the business at hand and I request Hon. Justus Katumo to second my Motion. Hon. Justus---

Hon. Speaker: The last part you said is for the Speaker, Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Sorry Madam Speaker. I was calling his name.

Hon. Speaker: Now, you are not the acting Speaker.

(Laughter)

Because the Speaker is here. Alright, Hon. Katumo---Sometimes you need light moments when you have worked the whole day.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I stand to support the extension of time for this business, it is crucial business for the County and we need to extend the time so that we can finish. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Justus Katumo. Hon. Members, do we have any Member who would be objecting to the extension?

Hon. Members: No.

(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)

Hon. Speaker: No Member. Hon. Johanna, Hon. Minority Leader was still on his feet he had not finished. Continue Hon. Kamitu because we have agreed to extend time unanimously.

Hon. Kamitu: So, Madam Speaker, as I stated, I do not want to take a lot of time. In his presentation as the Deputy Governor, he requested us if one, we could consider the pandemic that we have, that is the COVID-19. Again, we should appreciate the budget committee because they have agreed on the pending bills because it is a concern, it is a consideration and what I would request my Hon. Members is that supplementary budget, I do not want to define, they are aware that when we are talking about supplementary budget, it is a question of aligning budgetary allocations or expenditures from one department to the other. So, I would request my Hon. Members, as you said Madam Speaker, we should not talk now as we are debating about the amendments, we should talk about the amendments when we go there.

So, my humble request Madam Speaker, even if we have extended the time, we do not waste a lot of time. I would request Hon. Members because even if we are going to be given a budget for each ward around Ksh. 3 or Ksh. 2 million, still it is a project that is going to be carried out in Machakos County.

(Applause)

On a very frank note but then we should also consider if we are going to go for about Ksh. 4 or the Ksh. 3 million and we are not able to meet the objective of the executive that they do not have that money. My humble request Madam Speaker, whatever comes out during the amendments, even if it goes to Ksh. 4 million or to Ksh. 1 million, let us go for the Ksh. 1 million if it is there because we cannot talk about Ksh. 4 million and we are not able to raise the figure.

That is my concern as the Minority Leader so that we move ahead for the objective that we are working for Machakos County Assembly and for the people who elected us. That is my

contribution and my humble request to the Hon. Members that, we should not go far off from the Finance Minister who is also working under the request of His Excellency. So, as you said Madam Speaker, let us be guided by the outcry and whatever we have as Hon. Members of this House that anything that suits the Hon. Members of this House should be the thing to go for. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority leader. So, Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: And we agreed Hon. Ndawa and any other Member who is going to stand up, please be specific. If it is about the issue of LapFund, let us not go there because it is already sorted and that was a pending bill. So, if there is any other issue which Members want to address, we are specific and remember---Hon. Ndawa, just remain up. Debating is about persuading the other people to see it in your way; it is not lecturing. So that you are making a plea because this is this, can we do it this way?

You need to show the importance of why you are proposing it be done that way because remember this is your budget, it is a budget for the County and it is for the good of all of us that we address it and address it appropriately and so that when you go to the committee of the whole House, then you have already started convincing the Members if you think you convinced them here so that there you will not take a lot of time. So, be specific Hon. Members to the point you want to contribute. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by congratulating the committee and the Chairman for a commendable job---

Hon. Speaker: And Hon. Ndawa really, you are not wearing your mask properly. If the Public Health Officer would come here, they will not be happy with you.

(Hon. Ndawa adjusted his face mask)

Yes, that is much better for your own good and the good of Hon. Johanna and Madam Miriam who is just next to you.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Speaker, you know when we are solving one problem we are likely to cause another one.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Ndawa: We are getting what we call asphyxia in medical terms. Deficiency of oxygen in the body---

Hon. Speaker: Let us then go on.

Hon. Ndawa: That is why most of the time we are trying to release it to be at least free---

Hon. Speaker: Let us go on then.

Hon. Ndawa: So, I was saying the committee did a very commendable job, we know they had a very tight schedule. The time they were working for, this committee, was limited, we do understand that there were delays in submission of the budget. So, we want to thank them for the good job they did.

Madam Speaker, I would request since we have heard several Members in this House talk about this thing, we may not need to take a lot of time on it because we need to approve it as it is when we go to the next step of either amending or passing it without amendment. Madam Speaker, the only concern I have is one and we need your guidance. About the changes made, is there a limitation or is there a percentage that we are not supposed to surpass? That is the concern I want you to and I would want to request you to give us.

Then the other issue is before this budget was brought to this House or before it was given to the budget committee, we have held a series of meetings, the executive and the Assembly. I would request because even Hon. Members including the Majority Leader is talking about the Assembly Members being lectured. You will agree with me that prior to any meeting between the Assembly and the executive, the leadership of the House first meets with the Governor before coming to us and I do believe that whatever the Governor reports to us is exactly what you agree with him during that meeting we are never there.

The last meeting, we had before we went to the White House where we held the meeting, the leadership of this House had a meeting with the Governor and the Deputy Governor and when the Governor reported that the only available money is Ksh. 1.5, none of the Members of leadership stood to say---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information or clarification. Hon. Angela, do we have clarification? Is it information? Hon. Ndawa, allow the information. Hon. Angela goes ahead.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have heard the Hon. Member refer to a meeting with the executive and this is a House of order. Is it in order Hon. Speaker, for the executive to summon Members of the County Assembly to discuss a supplementary budget that is going to come before the House through a committee and agree with them without even the Members of the budget committee then they come and refer it to the House here?

That is my point of information that I would like the Hon. Member to know that we are not supposed to negotiate with the executive, we are supposed to oversight. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, may I just make a clarification?

Hon. Speaker: Another point of information.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is just to addressing through the Chair to inform the Hon. Member that unfortunately at the time when you sit down in a meeting and you request for documents you cannot be able to be availed documents in a meeting and discuss a budget in a meeting with 59 Members of County Assembly projected on a wall or on a piece of

paper which has been printed with balances on it. It is the onus of the budget committee to come and interrogate those numbers, get into the books and look at the physical vote heads which facilitated those numbers to be held and provide the Hon. Members with the actual position based on what they have seen in the books and therefore whatever agreements are made, for example, if you go and there is an agreement made or the money available is this, it is only the budget committee which allocates funds here which can be able to go into the books and tell you for sure these are the funds which are available and this is how they have been utilized.

So, it would be misleading this House to refer to a meeting which you purport to have been binding to the House yet had not been made before the plenary. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, please proceed with your submissions, you have been notified, you have been informed and I believe both are Members of the Budget Committee.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing them to inform me. The first information that I got from my dear sister *Mheshimiwa*, I just wanted to maybe get information from a Member of the House leadership because I was talking about the meeting between the House leadership and the executive and she is not a Member. So---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku is not in the House leadership?

Hon. Ndawa: It is the other *Mheshimiwa* and not *Mheshimiwa Museku*.

Hon. Speaker: So, what you are saying is that you have been informed by Hon. Angela but it is not helping you?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: But now Hon. Museku who sits in the House leadership has also informed you.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: So, do you still have a problem? Please proceed and conclude.

Hon. Ndawa: Let me finalize. I just want to finalize by making a special request or application to this Hon. House, if possible let us focus more on the issue of pending bills so that come to next Financial Year, we are not barred from giving services to our people because of this untold all these many pending bills because I strongly believe, some of the pending bills we are paying were incurred---

Hon. Muendo: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me inform the Member that, we were told all the pending bills have been paid and it is only a balance of Ksh. 47.....I do not know which other pending bills he is talking about. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Ndawa; you keep on getting more information.

Hon. Ndawa: And they are healthy. It is good to get information because the information is power. If I heard well, the Governor talks about the pending bills during that meeting, he said that he has communication from the National Government that he is not going to get any money unless he has settled the pending bills and he said there is a pending bill of about Ksh. 650 million. That is what he told us when we were at the White House. So, what I am saying, let us ensure that these bills are paid so that come to the next Financial Year, the money we get---

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, please allow me to give him another point of information from what I am holding here?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, there is some information.

Hon. Museku: Hon. Ndawa, just to inform you that the budget committee did request and did receive the list of pending bills. What was pending and what has been paid and from this list which I am holding here, the only amounts of money which were outstanding to be paid, were the Ksh. 229 million which was for the LapFund and LapTrust and a pending bill of about Ksh. 37 million for the department of transport.

(Applause)

There is no other pending bill anywhere and the committee has approved the Ksh. 230 million. So, unless you are telling me that he is not going to get money for Ksh. 37 million which I think is already provided for, I believe we have catered for all pending bills. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, the information is that all pending bills have been catered for.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you---

Hon. Mulatya: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: When will Hon. Ndawa finish? Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the chance. Before I give the point of information, I wish to congratulate the new Majority Whip and wish him well.

(Applause)

And urge him to unite the NASA Coalition and work hard for peace of this House and also congratulate the Members and thank them for giving me ample time to serve them as their Majority Whip.

Madam Speaker, I think we are going around and round and I will put a little blame not much on the budget committee. I think Hon. Museku is holding a very important document and I think most of us do not have that document, we are talking from darkness because we do not know how many pending bills have been there, we have not seen any document and they have these documents. I think it would have been appropriate for the committee to share with us most of the documents because what we are talking about here is very sensitive because coming from -- I think I have just finished giving the point of order.

Hon. Speaker: The point of order that you needed to be supplied with the documents?

Hon. Mulatya: Yes, to be supplied with the important documents that the committee seems to have so that at least we all read from the same page. If Hon. Ndawa had that document and me and any other person, this kind of confusion would not come in the House.

Hon. Speaker: Now, for the consolation of the House on this supplementary budget and coming from a Member of the Budget and Appropriation Committee, the House should not worry about pending bills. That is what is we are being told for purposes of this supplementary budget because that is a genuine worry. Is that okay?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: We confirm that?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. So, then let us proceed with that information.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The second last concern is about the issue of the County Assembly. Madam Speaker, the work of a dentist is to remove someone's tooth when it has problems but when it comes to his turn, he may not be willing to give the service. We are very much concerned about the expenditure on the side of the executive but when it comes to the issue of the Assembly, we are very brief on that. We have been told that the budget which was approved should remain.

There is a directive from His Excellency the President that all the money for foreign travel and domestic travel be forwarded to COVID-19. How has the budget committee addressed that issue since we have that directive? We have just said let the budget remain and there is that directive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Museku: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Now Hon. Ndawa has finalized but Hon. Museku you will contribute as part of the point when you are contributing you give information. Hon. Members, there are still members in the tent who would still want to make some comments and I was feeling---

(Applause)

Hon. Maitha, I have not given you the right to wake up. You are a very experienced Member of legislatures and for that, I should punish you for waking up when the Speaker has not allowed because you know better than what you are doing. Thank you.

Hon. Members, there are some Members who are in a tent and much as--- because the House outside there in the cold, let us have them also contribute. Hon. Kalumu--- You are wondering yes, Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this chance. I would like to say that today's document of supplementary is quite okay compared to what we agreed with the executive. In the first agreement, we had agreed that we have Ksh. 15 million for ward projects and also later we were told we will get Ksh. 1.5 million for our wards. The question is; if we are really soldiers of our electorates, how can we question an increment going to our people?

(Applause)

That is one, again commenting on the LapFund, how can we be deducted some money and then later it is paid again? So, that one needs to be followed and be questioned.

I would like also to equate today's budget whereby most of the money has been deducted from development to recurrent with a company which is having a large expenditure without assets or capital. So what we need to do is at least have some little money for supervising a large sum of money because we cannot be having all the time reducing our development which brought us here.

I agree with the executive it is good to develop ourselves but also after five years, we need to ask ourselves what have we achieved for our people and we are the conduit of the development; if we do not focus on the development of our people then we are deemed lost. So, Madam Speaker, I thank the committee for quite a good job. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Winfred Mutua, still from the tent.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for according me this opportunity. Number one, I want to applaud the committee for the good work they have done, number two, we do not have an IFMIS balance; how comes we are now fighting for a budget that has to be passed? We should know what the IFMIS balance is so that we can equip the other mathematics. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Winnie, tell Hon. Mutiso to come back to the Assembly. He is in the wrong place. I saw him.

(Laughter)

I saw him there. Hon. Johanna, I will come to you because we have some two leaders here, I will also come to you, Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and let me first applaud the committee for the good work they have done and I will just go direct to the executive whereby I will urge them that whenever this Hon. House is awaiting or it is supposed to be served with all the documents including the second supplementary budget let it be brought right on time because I understand that a lot of questions we are experiencing here is because most of the Members are not conversant with this document unless you need to go through it several times.

Hon. Speaker, I also understand by last night the committee was still sitting down and trying to go through the document and trying to come up with this document but Hon. Speaker, I would also like to get this from the committee because I have seen, I will just give one example and then I go to the other side. I will go to the Department of Agriculture, which is on page 13 but please move to page 15 where the last paragraph where the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 383,000,499 to Ksh. 369 million whereby you can have a look at this information the amount of recurrent has been reduced and if I understand his recurrent comes to the salaries and emoluments and all that.

Hon. Speaker, for me to get it clearly let us say for example this amount which has been reduced and it belongs to certain maybe salaries of people who should be paid if the committee reduces the recurrent what will happen to the department because I think somebody will not be paid?

Hon. Masesi: Point of information.

Hon. Museku: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kitengu, I would ask the same question but now we are being given some information. Please let us hear the information.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the Hon. Member needs to look just above it you will find when you look at the beginning of that department of agriculture food and security, it tells you the items which are being decreased specific here in detail, what you are reading is a summary but you have already been given the details. For example, the department seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure page 13 Ksh. 29,000,957 which is an effect of one decrease in communication supplies 304 decrease in domestic travel 624 decrease so it is tabulated above there what is leading to the decrease if there is salary maybe you might want to point out for us here where the salary has been deducted. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: What you are saying Hon. Museku and we said we want to get it right that there has not been a decrease in salaries. The point is that there is no decrease in salaries. Hon. Kiteng'u, recurrent has many items.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes, that is why I said even emoluments, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Some of those can be reduced without hurting anybody's right to a salary; that is what we are saying?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes. Hon Speaker. I am saying that because we have experienced an outcry here whereby you remember the other time the Governor was trying to bring some bills so that we can be able to pass so that he can be able to borrow some money he was saying that it was for the salaries and all that. My worry is for the unity for this House because I have seen a lot of revised recurrent, I am just giving one example but I have seen several. Let us not bring some casualties of some outcome whereby the committee reduces the number of salaries of our people.

Hon. Masesi: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Masesi, were you informing the Deputy Majority Leader on that same point?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u please be informed.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am requesting the Hon. Member to go by the report because if you look at the department of agriculture, the approved was Ksh. 732,270,821 constituting of recurrent Ksh. 369,505,035. Madam Speaker; the Committee is stating the same there and no deduction at all.

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Kiteng'u what Hon. Masesi has said is that there is no change in what had been proposed on the salaries under recurrent for this department.

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker, the amounts which were approved, all the ceilings of the budget from the department since the budget was assented to.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, because we need to be careful that we do not reduce the salaries of the people because it is their right and again remember we are also fighting COVID-19; that may even touch on health officers who are supposed to take care of all of us. So let us be very careful.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you Hon. Speaker, all is noted. About the salaries, that is my outcry because I would not like when mine is being deducted as well.

Hon. Speaker, I will go to page seven, office of the Governor; I will call out my blame to this Assembly because if you look at the middle, the committee recommended in the first supplementary budget of 2019/2020 for creation of a vote line of purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43 million.

I understand this vote was created in the Governor's office and the Assembly issued the vote to the Governor's office so that we can purchase these cars. Hon. Speaker, we have not been able to get these cars for long and my worry is, if we are doing an office block worth one hundred and something million; we are also doing a chamber, worth Ksh 350 Million; why are we not able to afford to purchase cars worth Ksh. 43 million.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from the Speaker, Hon. Kiteng'u, please sit down.

The amount of Ksh. 43 Million plus is money that was budgeted by Members in the budget of 2018/2019 for purchase of vehicles. That money was approved; it is part of the equitable shares but then the former Controller of Budget (CoB) and still the current one, said that the Assembly, because it does not do services or execute works unlike the Executive, cannot buy administrative vehicles under recurrent and that it should be budgeted under or it cannot buy under development because you had put it under development; yes we had budgeted under development and the CoB said we cannot buy the vehicles for administration under development. So she ordered that we bring it under recurrent but you recurrent is posted, that is why the budget committee noted about the Assembly budget.

Costed meaning; we are 60 Members for salaries for all of you, if it is pension, if it is training so that we could not put under recurrent because our ceiling cannot allow. The CRA has set a ceiling for us; so we negotiated with the Executive because their recurrent does not have a ceiling.

We agreed that money which was ours goes to the Executive so that it can buy the vehicles for us. So that is why it has not been purchased up to date and the Speaker is using a vehicle that has been hired because for quite a while I have been using the Chevrolet and it has a power steering problem and quite a number of times it has had because it is refusing and you know what happens when going into the lane of other vehicles.

So I stopped using that vehicle and because we do not have others, the CASB had to get a vehicle for my use and that is why we need these vehicles like yesterday. But for development Hon. Kiteng'u that is another issue and that is why we talked even in the Assembly finally having started being constructed the Chamber. The Speakers house, there is designs and there is a progress report that Members are supposed to get from the Members who represent you in the CASB.

You know we went through the first stage of purchasing land, we could not get it because SRC said you dont purchase land, get land from the Executive and we have been given land. And that land must also be planned for, designs must be drawn. These are projects you cannot just implement like this Hon. Kiteng'u. So, let us now go on from that point of information.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Actually my point is, this Assembly actually negotiated with the Executive on buying of these vehicles which had been allocated on a development budget. I remember seven days, you took on stage at the new white house where we met the Governor, and the issue I am talking about is unity, because this is what we have been crying for but not unity for anyone to be compromised.

I remember very well as leadership we were not given permission to talk but Madam Speaker did and we had all the right to ask questions when we needed and if there any key negotiations we did on that day and might affect this budget; ;let the budget committee recheck on this so that we can talk in one voice. We are experiencing a pandemic in Machakos County.

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment Hon. Kiteng'u; Hon. Maitha can you allow just one moment and Hon. Kiteng'u you finalize so that he can contribute before he goes because he has sought permission, he has a sick person he is attending to.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes Hon. Speaker; that is what I am saying. If we had any negotiations not for anybody to be compromised but for the benefit of Machakos people, let it be. When I come again to the Assembly, I am trying to be fair here as the Deputy Majority Leader of the House and I have seen the County Assembly one; this document in the County Assembly

remains as it is. Are we saying that we are so clean and the Budget Committee could not see any change on our budget because it remains the same without being changed?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u, when you go to the Committee of the Whole, you can do as you wish.

Hon. Kiteng'u: I am just commenting Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do the amendments, feel free because justice cuts both ways. Where there is a basis to cut your own salary, please cut it when you go to the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, I wanted to inform the Hon. Member that; there is a difference between actual and budget and that is why the budget for the County Assembly is costed we did not touch it because it is going to be accounted for based on the actual being costed.

Therefore, what we are going to have at the end of the year is a variance where the CoB said do not bring any requisitions here for local or foreign travel. But now you will have a variance between your budgeted figure which was costed and the actual spend which is there which is going to be less what the Government has already deducted from source.

And that is the reason why it was difficult for us as a Budget Committee to say; subtract this item or the other because they are all costed and they can only be determined by an actual expenditure at the end of the accounting period which is in two weeks' time. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u, that would mean that what you have approved here will definitely not be the amount to be spent by the Assembly. Even for development, money will go back because there remains a short period; the Speakers house is also budgeted for but it will go back. And incidentally, remember the money is never given to the Assembly, it is only given on monthly requisitions once works are done.

The domestic and foreign travel is only requisitioned after you have done the travelling; so that if there is no travelling there is no requisition. The money is staying in the County revenue fund and possible at the National Treasury because it will not be released unless that expenditure is shown and it is allowable.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am saying this because we are being hit hard by our people being told we have allowed the building of a White House of Ksh. 350 million and in our Assembly again we have also approved a chamber of Ksh. 350 million as well.

So I am trying to neutralize this; let us not put our figures on Executive or the Assembly all the time. Let us try to negotiate and come up with a proper; even if we are coming to the main budget, and next time we need to be conversant with the budget. Let us be invited to the Budget Committee so that when we are talking here, we are conversant like Hon. Museku and Members of the Budget Committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u. Hon. Maitha

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to commend the Budget Committee because I am part of it. Whatever we did, was because of the love for the people of Machakos.

Madam Speaker, the Budget Committee even the Finance Committee because I am a Member too, I have been working in difficulties because we request documents from the Executive and they never come. I support the Government and I will continue doing so but we must point out the weak links which are making our people not feel the development at hand.

In the last financial year, all the wards were allowed to budget for Ksh. 10 Million and if you go to every ward, the public can tell you this is from the government. But this year, as we are sitting here, apart from the Hon. Members, where there are major projects in their wards like tarmacking of roads or major dams; there is nothing they can say we have benefited from.

Telling the government that our people need to get development is not back-biting the government; we are for the Government Madam Speaker. We said we cease fights and I thank the Majority side for having found time to come and work with the Government because when we work with it, we shall get more to our people.

There are some people in the Executive who are not doing what the Governor says because the Governor cannot say we should not be given the IFMIS vote book because his committee wants to check on the fault lines so that it can bring a commendable report to the House.

If we say we need that document and we are not getting it, are we fighting the Government? We want that person who deals with that thing to honour the Assembly. When as a committee we need a document that is not saying we are fighting the Government.

Madam Speaker, my ward has 11 sub locations and I can tell you; if the Government does not help the people of Nguluni, the people of Koma; like now when there were rains, all roads are impassable.

Saying I get at least Ksh. 5 Million to develop the roads in those areas that is not (...inaudible...) at least even if it is in the vote book and it is not used now, I can use it next year. Madam Speaker, when we were in the SEKEB Committee with the other County Assemblies of Kitui and Makueni, we were a laughing stock because when they are talking of development, you could hear an MCA saying, this financial year I have been allocated Ksh. 35 Million. Last financial year I was allocated Ksh. 30 Million; we did not tell them how much we were allocated because they will laugh at us.

We are asking the Government, in the next financial year, to give us money to develop our wards. We shall continue supporting the Government but we also want equity of resources in all the wards Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, there are some whose wards have been developed and they cannot talk but we are saying; even if we are in the Government we need development down there for our people. Lastly, we shall continue supporting the Government of Machakos but we need development. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Kaloki. I am also being told Hon. Mitaa, the Majority Whip, I have not been seeing you; in fact I have been asking myself Hon. Mitaa today is unusually quiet but now I have seen. I will come to you Hon. Mitaa. When there is no debate you are not informing anybody?

Hon. Kisila: There are Members and it is very cold for them; I have just received a message that they are actually freezing.

Hon. Speaker: So we need to finalize?

Hon. Kisila: Or is there a way the Clerk can organize some tea at least for them; it is very cold Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, I get you now.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I have been following keenly and I think the Committee did a commendable job because I am part of it. I have one or two point to point out; as a committee, we did some good work but it is also important and I am not trying to contradict ourselves, I can feel the frustrations of the Members of this Hon. House. One, they saw the document when it was too late; they had no time to go through it.

Two, I want to be honest; even us as a Committee, we also had frustrations from the Executive and the Secretariat. We had a difficult time; as at yesterday, we sat here the whole day until very late in the evening and there was no transaction and we were kept waiting. This morning the same thing happened and the day before yesterday, the same thing happened. Every time the secretariat kept saying we are finalizing.

The other concern I have Madam Speaker is that, sometimes we could wait as a committee and start demanding for key documents when it is too late. As late as 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. in the evening, we were still demanding for fresh information from the Executive.

I believe as a Committee we must work on some timelines and right from the go we must know exactly what we want so that we don't get this kind of frustrations or we do not end up frustrating this Hon. House.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kaloki, don't you think those sentiments you should have expressed them in the Committee; now how do we help you now as a House.

Hon. Kaloki: Yes, that is very true; but I know...

Hon. Speaker: I am just requesting Members, those are points you need to look at on our operations Hon. Kaloki like when we are concluding. But now on the logistics, let us deal with them after we are through with this.

Hon. Kaloki: I just wanted that to go on record to the Hon. Members Madam Speaker. The other issue is that is we had an opportunity to have a meeting here with the CEC finance and he explained especially on the issue of the pending bills and he took us through and gave us reasons from this movement from this vote to the other and we understood all that. Now, I have heard from some Members; if we could move with speed and do whatever amendments we feel uncomfortable, we move to the Committee of the Whole House and make the amendments there.

Otherwise these issue of why Ksh. 1.53 Million; I want to say it clearly that developments in our wards is not just about the Ksh. 1.5 Million or the Ksh. 10 Million because we also have the KRB. Some of the Members of this House who are complaining loudly, I can tell you for free they have roads, worth Ksh. 20 Million for KRB. I also want to say we also have the stadiums, the SMART climate---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ikusya, there is a point of order, although you did not name a name but Hon. Majority Leader wants to make a point from what you have said.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is really, I do not know the words to use; the KRB roads went to a few wards. In my case, I do not have any or anything being done by the County of Machakos for this year and even last year apart from the Ksh. 10 Million project. So, I am trying the Hon. Member not to mislead the House saying, we are comfortable with the Ksh. 20 Million project roads; Kinanie there is none.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ikusya.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I agree, there is no much in his ward especially KRB, but there are areas because we saw the adverts, where we had roads worth Ksh. 15 to 20 Million of KRB. We also know some wards which have benefited from Stadiums Madam Speaker; other wards have SMART climate dams. So, somehow---

Hon. Speaker: There is information coming from Hon. Masesi; it is like you are treading on some not so good areas

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Kindly, I would like the Hon. Member to tell us, what the total budget of development for the full year was. We had a budget of Ksh. 4 Billion for this financial year 2019/2020 and here we are talking of millions not even one billion.

We need to be true to ourselves; let us also know where these ones are going because when you look at the releases from the exchequer, monies for development have been coming. Let the Hon. Member tell us about all the other monies apart from the Ksh. 50 million or Ksh. 100 million that is just a drop in the ocean.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ikusya.

Hon. Kaloki: I know it is a hot topic Madam Speaker because some of the Members who have been on the floor have been seeing a lot of water projects going on in their wards. What I want to say is that we need to be truthful to ourselves. It is not like every time we wake up---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, you are distracting Hon. Ikusya.

Hon. Kaloki: As early as this morning, I saw a number of culverts and some roads being done in so many areas of this County so when I am talking about projects on the ground and I am not defending the Government; I want to say we need to be truthful. We also need to be looking forward---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori has information, Hon. Ikusya

Hon. King'ori: I want to know through the Speaker, whether we have the budget of what he is speaking about those culverts because it is not budgeted. I want to know whether what we have been passing here are those culverts he is talking about or the Governor is acting out of what we have passed in this House. Thank you, Madam Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kaloki.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am not the CEC finance I may not have the figures but even in some wards as we speak, some tarmac is being done and I am sure he knows that.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ikusya, I think the bottom line is---

Hon. Kaloki: There is some development.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ikusya, we want to agree; what you are saying is that some development is going on full stop.

Hon. Kaloki: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: So why don't we move to another point.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Some developments are going on in our wards in the entire county. When it comes to the issue of Ksh 1.5 or 3 Million, I do not mind; as long as we will be able to consume or go through the entire procurement process and actualize the money we have allocated to the wards.

Otherwise, Madam Speaker, the entire budget was done in a hurry as I said earlier. We had challenges both from the Executive and also within our committee. In future it is important that the Executive cooperates and sends the necessary documents to the committee on time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ikusya. The two Hon. Members gentlemen, it is gentlemanly to allow a lady to speak first; we have not heard a lady speak in this House. I know Hon. Johana and Hon. Kisila I promised, let us have Hon. Annastaciah then I will come to you kindly.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First I want to appreciate the committee for the work they have done; but Hon. Speaker some of the Members have concluded to commend on something which is (...inaudible...) we know the ground now is not bad and through this document (...inaudible...) if the committee (...inaudible...)

Hon. Speaker: You have finished, Hon. Annastaciah? Please finish because we are running out of time Hon. Members and I ask that you be specific when you are contributing but I like the way you are taking a line of making a plea generally. So, if it is a general plea, just end it so that we can at least move to the specifics, Hon. Anastasia.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: (...inaudible...)

Hon. Speaker: We will give the directions after we vote Hon. Annastaciah on the budget.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: (...inaudible...)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Annastaciah, we hear you. Hon. Majority Whip, next time do not allow them to put you on the wings because that is so much hidden and I am so used to seeing you there. You go ahead Hon. Majority Whip.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Indeed I have really struggled to catch your attention for the last one or two hours. I take this opportunity to thank my party WIPER for nominating me to serve as Majority Whip of this Hon. House.

(Applause)

Again, I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Hon. Tariq Mulatya for the good job he has been doing and I will strive to improve on areas where we have had some weaknesses. Hon. Speaker, my duty is to serve the interest of the party and I diligently will try to achieve the mandates of the party. I think I will not want to take long on the issue of the supplementary budget, other than to thank the committee; they have told us the difficulties they have had in coming up with this report.

There is a concern which I got from Hon. Kisila, unfortunately he is not here; he has kept on saying we cannot add because there is no money. But, Madam Speaker, the document I am holding is money, so I believe the Committee would not have allocated when there is no money. So the issue of Ksh. 1.5 or 3 Million is neither here nor there. We want development on the ground; this development is not personal but for the interest of our people. The much we can do is to ensure that there are tangible projects ongoing on the ground.

So, Hon. Speaker, I would go with the conclusion of this Committee; it states, Madam Speaker, the approval of the second supplementary budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020 would give the County Executive the opportunity to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. So the issue of COVID-19 is well taken care of.

Again address the fall in county revenue that is well taken care of; the payment of bills which has been a thorn in the flesh, it has already been taken care of. Absorption rate of the County and avoid carrying forward balances that have been witnessed in the previous years; Hon. Speaker, there is nothing better this Committee would have given to this House than what they have concluded.

So, I support and I hope we will pass it as per the Committee recommendations so that tomorrow, the Executive can start implementing on the report.
Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Members, I want us to get a concession as we finalize with Hon. Johana and Hon. Kisini, remember there is still the curfew at 9 o'clock. Some of you may be able to talk your way through others may not be that lucky.

And you know budgeting process is usually negotiated, in fact putting your heads together as the two sides of the House. This is what really I expected but now there is something which we will discuss perhaps again and agree with the Members who are seated in the tent; if you can allow Hon. Members Kisini, Hon. Johana, without having to repeat what has been said so that we can then hear what Hon. Majority Leader has said about voting because this is very critical.

Finally, I will have one Member who is seated outside the tent because we have to be together. And if you want us to remain we will but remember there is curfew at 9 o'clock and there are three other stages to finalize this Bill. So Hon. Kisini, please quickly.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will try to observe that one minute you have given me. I stand to applaud this committee for doing such a good work and for that short time. On recommendations number five, they have even noted that.....I do not want to read it all because of time but I can observe that this is followed by delayed budget estimates for the financial year 2020/2021.

I get to also observe that and Madam Speaker you also spoke on that; when we had that meeting at the Governor's office. So, this problems of documents not coming; the delays we have seen today, I think we have been answered where they are coming from.

I want again to commend the committee for this hard times, seeing to it that they provide for Ksh. 100 Million; they created a vote and tried to allocate funds on top of what we get from the Government.

Times are hard because of this COVID-19 and what I am requesting is only if we can see the reality of this money which has been allocated by that vote which has been created to see it go down to the ground so that our people can get the benefit.

Madam Speaker, the last is about the Ksh. 15 Million or the Ksh 3 Million; the Committee must have realigned all the votes to get to the three million. So the question of where the money will come from must be answered by this document. I am only requesting, since they are saying the projects are annexed, I wanted to know from that annex where my Ksh. 3 Million is going and I take home to the people of Athi River. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini, Hon. Johana in a quick manner because we will go to a Member who is outside.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to believe that ordinarily because the protocol allows the most senior persons to speak the last, this could be a sign of some big things to come on my side.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: In the Assembly it is the opposite.

Hon. Munyao: Okay, on a light touch. Madam Speaker I would like to start by applauding the Committee for this report and insist that any report which go through a Committee and comes to this House becomes the property of the House and in such circumstances it is only wise that as we may wish to support the report of any committee and in unity and harmony and in support of the Committee in pursuit of their mandate, we also make sure as Committees we have a way of engaging all the stakeholders so that when a report comes here and I want to be very specific on this report on Supplementary Budget if we are to pass this today, we will have passed it as the County Assembly for the people of Machakos.

If it fails and it has some negative repercussions, we would be again accused of having failed the supplementary budget for Machakos County. So, Madam Speaker, the objectives of this second supplementary budget for 2019/2020 were well outlined and going to the second

objective; the first one was to accommodate the grant for the circumstances which a prevailing that is for the Covid 19.

The second one was to adjust on shortfalls in salaries and wages, which was mentioned in one of our meetings with the executive and which was pointed out as an oversight which was... I don't know if it was an oversight or whether; I don't want to believe it was a creation but an error which maybe arouse in the course of budgeting from our Budget Committee whereby after presenting the budget here owing to the trust which we have in that committee, we had no issues passing the budget and this goes to any other committee. If errors are made at, the committee stage may be it could affect us as a House and that is why we are saying that we adjust to such shortfalls of wages, I want to believe that is---

Hon. Speaker: A very quick one Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: On a point of order, Madam Speaker to the point of order is that the Hon. Member is talking about adjustments in shortfall of salaries; there is no adjustment we are making on the shortfall of a salary, what was being requested for was for LapFund, LapTrust, Ksh. 230 million, so it will not have any other adjustments, which are addressed to salaries and there was no mistake by the committee previously.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Johana you are notified accordingly.

Hon. Munyao: Yes, I was only going through the objectives as stated on this document. Madam Speaker, I want to say....

Hon. Speaker: Which document is that? That is the report.

Hon. Munyao: Yes, I was saying in the course of...

Hon. Speaker: Please do not analyze one by one because we are really out of time.

Hon. Munyao: In the course of looking at the objectives, I want to believe that is the point where we engage the executive. Moreover, one point and reason why we engage is to make sure that we are in harmony. We get reasons and justifications of where we seem not to have some clarity on the side of the Assembly so that when we get back as a committee whatever we are doing may not necessarily contradict and especially if grounds were given as to why whatever has been presented to us appears the way it is.

That is the same reason why the constitution has brought in the issue of separation of powers such that if one arm is implementing, they could have reasons or some emerging issues in the course of their implementation which we may not have anticipated and therefore allow them time also to come during the appraisals to come and present their situations and give reasons why they were not able to achieve this and why they were unable to do this or that. So, I want to say that as we engage as a committee it is always important so that it doesn't appear like we engaged with the executive on one point then after they left we decided whatever they brought in does not make any meaning to us then we do---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Hellen. What is the information about?

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: You know the Hon. Member is talking like we are dictated by the executive, I think it is important that we give the Budget Committee to make wise decisions based on the information they get from the executive.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Johana, please make your plea properly.

Hon. Munyao: Yea, I am sure we are not dictated to; I am only saying where there is engagement we engage so that we are reading from the same and where we differ we can differ at that level so that it doesn't appear like we have gone after the discussion to do things which are quite different from the reason why they were engaging. Madam Speaker, I want to go to the last bit---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Johana, please finalize.

Hon. Munyao: Yes, on page 13 Madam Speaker, I will continue to say that at the committee stage and I am not blaming anybody, it is for the good of us all. The committee recommends that amount for construction of weirs of Ksh. 27 million be retained and this will revise the development budget from Ksh. 810 million to Ksh. 404 million. Madam Speaker, why we are saying that it is important we engage and also have enough time to have enough knowledge on such reports. I would be asking myself, for example, we are entering a dry spell with so many or several boreholes with a very slight repair issues like pumps, then we give a priority consideration to weirs which are going to harvest water in the month of November December, whereas at some point we would have agreed that if we are doing such kind of adjustments, a priority would be maybe to repair a pump which would assist the people during the dry spell, such issues if we come together and reason together would do us a lot of good.

Going to Ksh. 1.5 and Ksh.3 million; that will be my last point. We had given proposals for the Ksh.1.5 million. The Budget Committee requested us to present a proposal for Ksh. 5 million and then at some stage I do not know they settled at Ksh. 3 million. I was not engaged to give my priorities for the Ksh. 3 million. So, if we are not working in harmony even as we reallocate these funds, we may find that we might have allocated more funds to some departments which were not a priority to some members such that even after passing whatever amounts has been allocated to me has been taken to departments which were not priority for my ward.

So, Madam Speaker, there is a lot we need to be able to do at a committee level so that as a report comes here we are not happy rejecting or passing a report when it is not well thought of. Therefore I just want to plead with the, members that we pass the report and then prepare to engage further during our major budget at the coming budget for 2020/2021. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johana. We have Hon. Ngunga outside, we have Hon. Steve Mwanthi, any member, are they there?

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am sure the Covid 19 has taken a top on our debating procedures. Madam Speaker, we sit in this tent as disadvantaged members of the County Assembly. Next time, Madam Speaker, we would want to request you and your office to make provisions so that members are given equal, fair and opportune times to debate on matters of importance to our county as county leaders.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga. Can I answer that now? You need to hurry up and have the chamber completed, so that all of you can sit in one place and this is what is happening in the National Assembly, it is happening in the Senate, it is happening where people are supposed to sit and remember I said that it is the County Public Health Officer who came and designated the sitting here; you know the size of your Assembly?

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am duly informed but I hope you have registered my complaint. Madam Speaker, my take on the supplementary budget is that the committee on budget sat with the executive and the recommendation from the executive and the committee has been able to give us these proposals. We have also been able to engage as leaders of the county and listened to the proposals from our leaders and from the Governor himself. I remember, Madam Speaker, at one time the Governor pleading with us to understand his situation.

It is with this strength, Madam Speaker, I am pleading with the members of the Assembly to make it easy for the county government of Machakos to perform given the shortest time that we have. Madam Speaker, aware that there are proposals of Ksh. 1.5 million and proposals for Ksh. 3 million, my request is that we go with the proposals of the County Government of Machakos. I would therefore, Madam Speaker, ask you and those who are privileged to be in the chambers to allow us vote on the proposals of the committee and the proposals of the executive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngunga. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity also to debate on this important function of the Assembly. Madam Speaker, I would say that...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Steve Mwanthi we are not hearing you just bring the mic a little closer to your mouth.

Hon. Mwanthi: I am being advised to remove the mask, Madam Speaker. Thank you. Madam Speaker, I was saying---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, wear the mask properly.

Hon. Mwanthi: Madam Speaker, my contribution would be, yes the Budget Committee worked overnight to bring us this document, but Madam Speaker, there are issues that I think as an Assembly we need also to check on so that we may also move on. Madam Speaker, for example, if I go through the budget the one now we are supplementing now, you will realize that there was a lot of reallocations of recurrent expenditure and almost to all the departments.

Sometimes it will cost and will always be having this Supplementary Budgets like what we are doing here and we might end up again supplementing this money if we tamper mostly with the recurrent expenditures. Madam Speaker, if I may give an example of some of what we did because with me Madam Speaker, is the Machakos County Assembly or the official report or HANSARD of the previous budget, you will find there was a lot of reallocation that sometimes we don't understand where the allocations comes from and that way it is when maybe we will keep and keep on complaining we are not seeing the development, there is no money for

recurrent. All those effect will affect us if we do not concentrate on the development aspect t other than working on the recurrent.

If you go through our report Madam Speaker, you realize that there has never been any change in our Assembly's proposals or from the department of this Assembly and that is finance and that makes the Assembly to run its functions smoothly. If we do all these changes like in the department of lands, Ksh. 30 million was reallocated for the recurrent, in the education sector Ksh. 40 million was reallocated in department of finance forty something million was allocated, in the department of Decentralized units Ksh. 85 million was reallocated, all that in recurrent expenditures; it always will be calling for these supplementary budgets.

Madam Speaker, I feel we need to be honest and do our budgets in a manner such that they can also be of use to our people. Madam Speaker, I am one of the members who would want my ward to get the highest allocation during this period but the question will be; I personally visited the department of roads in need of a certain road to be tarmacked and murramed. However, the answer was from the department *Mheshimiwa* this is not possible as at now unless we prepare for another budget, come next year.

So I had to go for another small and affordable project that could be worked on possibly getting chicks that were available between now and the lapse of the year. So well if I get the big budget that is not implementable, we might end up getting totally nothing. Will not do much because of this Covid and---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, you are finalizing your contribution.

Hon. Mwanthi: Yea, I am finalizing. So, if we are not keen we might end up even getting nothing within the short period that we have. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi. I know Hon. Museku is putting.... you know members, do you know you can stay here, I am here to sit with you up to the last moment depending on when you want to finish. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all I wanted to address myself initially on the Hon. Member who have just contributed and applaud what he is saying and say that the movement in the recurrent reallocations which he is seeing there do not originate from the budget committee, all those reallocations have been done by the executive.

We are simply reporting what the executive has reallocated and therefore he has a good point that if we can be able to have so many major reallocations in the recurrent expenditure, then that money can be put in good use in the development budget because if you are reallocating it, then it is being budgeted where it is not required. So we need to reduce in the recurrent expenditure and increase on the development budget for our people.

Hon. Speaker: That is, Hon. Museku; that is a point of information. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, if you were here I would have asked whether you are comfortable with then information. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Yes, Madam Speaker, I just gotten the mic.

Hon. Speaker: That was reallocations from the CEC finance.

Hon. Mwanthi: No, Madam Speaker, with me is the HANSARD for the main budget that we passed.

Hon. Speaker: Oh, You are on the old Budget, let us adhere to the budget that is on the table now.

Hon. Mwanthi: Yes, that and the reallocations that are affecting us now, they affected us again in the month of December 2019.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mwanthi, I think there is a problem if we are communicating, we have the budget on the table which we should be addressing and in the interest of time I think we move on. let's proceed in the interest of time.

Hon. Museku: Thank you Madam Speaker, I just want to mention a few key words. The first one is at Hon. Members we had a budget which we approved here, and we had a first supplementary which we did approve and my request to the executive is that once budgets are approved by this Hon. House, let's honour the budgets and avoid these massive movements or reallocations during supplementary budgets. We did a budget, it was approved by the House, let us stick to the budget.

There is a Hon. Member who said that the executive are given the mandate to implement and therefore in the course of implementation they can be able to do the allocations. There is a procedure in the IFMIS in the PFM Act, which clearly states if the executive want to do reallocations or want to do other items, there is a procedure on what they should follow.

(Loud consultations)

For example, Madam Speaker, if there is a movement of more than 10 per cent within a vote that must get an approval of this Hon. House. Therefore, they are not limited in reallocating depending on where they want to do their development but follow the procedure, come to the House and seek for approval to be able to reallocate those funds.

Madam Speaker when I talk about the issue of development and why we are getting so much late whereby the Hon. Members everybody is talking about we don't have time for implementation. Now, this financial year began on 1st July, 2019 Madam Speaker, and this Hon. Members of this Hon. House have been requesting to be given developments in their wards only to be told, development funds are not being released. I would like to quote here and state we are not on a cash accounting system; we are on an accrual accounting system, which recognizes the County Government of Machakos as a going concern. Therefore, we do not have to wait for funds to come from treasury for us to begin projects.

We should be having a work plan and start issuing LPOs as early as 1st of August and having those ones implemented so that they can be able to be paid throughout the course of the year as certificates are raised based on availability of funds. So, Madam Speaker, the solution which I'm giving here is that Hon. Members once you pass a budget and you approve Ksh. 20 million for the wards; let the work plan be done and we get these ones implemented from August because we don't have to wait for funds to come, issue the LPOs there is an approved budget.

Once you have money in the approved budget in if is you can issue an LPO against that approved budgets and you can be able to do development projects as early as possible perennial issue where we are told all the time that there are no money.

Finally, Madam Speaker as the chair applauded and noted, in subsequent years as a Budget Committee I would request through this Hon. House that we do not accept any supplementary budgets unless they are accompanied by printed IFMIS reports showing expenditure year to date. The Budget Committee has been working on a blind spot and that is why you can see as late as yesterday we had to call the director of budgets because the figure.... we had more than 11 negative balances.

You cannot present before the House an account, which is having a negative balance at the end of the year. How was it overdrawn? It is not possible and that comes as a result there somebody working from a worksheet, which does not have the year to date actual and then whatever you want to increase or decrease to arrive at the end of year figure.

So, as a resolution for the House Madam Speaker, I will be seeking that this House ensures that if we do not have hard copies of printed IFMIS figure showing us expenditure year to date, then we do not consider supplementary in the future. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Members, you know we were trying with this debate to try and build our senses, and I think you have done enough. Because you still have the committee of the whole members. Let us proceed there but before then I know the mover of the motion is supposed to reply and then when you have finished I will give the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, maybe you have been building consensus and I am hoping because remember the seriousness of voting against a report like this is that you don't bring it until after six months and you know where we stand at.

So it is good that you try even as you debating here and even as you walk out briefly, do some consensus and see what you can work on in the committee of the whole so that you can have a supplementary budget that is going to serve not only you but the people you are representing. So, Hon. Kisila you contributed you are not going to contribute again. Let us have Hon. Mover of the motion to reply then so that then before vote we hear which way.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I first wish to thank Hon. Members of this House for the passionate debate they have exhibited. Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Budget and Appropriations of this House prepared this report that I have presented before the House in utmost good faith and taking the interests of the people of Machakos at heart and how I pray that the House adopts the recommendations that the committee has presented seeing in it that they are geared towards ensuring that our people get value for their taxes, Madam Speaker.

At this point, Madam Speaker, I also wish to request the executive based on the recommendations that we have given, one being timeliness in submission of documents that we request that they adhere to the timelines, Madam Speaker. Again for information that we request from them, that information be supplied to the Assembly as and when required, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Hon. Members, if I wake up to put the question, we will be voting and you remember the communication that the majority and the minority leader ... inaudible...you. I want to---

(Loud consultations)

The table clerk is just repeating on the seriousness of this report failing at this stage and I had mentioned. So I was just (... *inaudible*) .So, Hon. Majority Leader and Hon. Minority Leader, if you want to consult, you can do it as we want.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sometimes as we walked out with my brother Hon. Kamitu and you know the procedure of the House it is either you vote to adopt or you vote to throw it away, there is no way you can say we vote for this we vote for this Hon. speaker and we were in a consensus that; like for the benefit of the Machakos people let us vote for the report, adopt the report for the benefit of the Machakos people and then we have seen it wise to do it that way because the repercussions if the side of the government want to reject the report I will join them and reject the report and it will come back to this House after six months. So it is for the government side including the Kisila to consult and understand the repercussions, so...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority, we do not have Kisila here.

Hon. Muendo: Oh, Hon. Kisila; we consulted and we thought that is wise, but if there is any other member who feels different we have no problem but I think Minority Leader can because we talked about it.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, even as the Minority Leader talk about it, do you want me to give you some minutes to do some discussions before I put the question.

Hon. Museku: Madam Speaker, Point of order. I would like to really know what the consultation is... Madam Speaker, I just want to seek a clarification what the clarification is about because as far as I am concerned we are going to vote for a report to accept the report with amendments if you want to make the amendments which have been passed by the House, the you accept the report with the amendments which have to be voted for and agreed upon by the House or you reject the report. So there is no other document which we can say now we are going to either vote for what the executive had presented---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku, the consensus that I am guiding the House to agree on, is to adopt the report or to reject it and I am saying if you reject it, it has dire consequences and that is what I am saying. So, if Members want to vote against the report please go ahead and now I will put the question. Hon. Minority Leader, please say what you want to say.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It is important that Madam Speaker as we were going through the debate, it is a very heated debate and on a very sincere note even with the blessing of the whole House we cannot reject this report. My appeal is that we I cannot reject this appeal because the consequences will be after six months and we are talking about we have debated and people have aired out that it is very important now because we are talking about the time factor.

So, Madam Speaker, my humble request also because we are on record, as the government I am going to inform the executive that a budget whether it is a supplementary is a very important document and because it relates to what development will come to the county. So, I am saying as the Minority Leader, Madam Speaker, I am going to talk to His Excellency

the Governor that during our proceedings in the budgetary allocation documents that are required by this House should be brought to this House as early as possible because it is very important.

Madam Speaker, as a guideline it is very important because we should be seen to be working. Procedures are procedures, if a document is required in this House before three months, it should be brought to this House before the three months. So, my humble request Madam Speaker, as you say and as you guide us as we now go for the whole House, Madam Speaker, lets cross the bridge as we go there. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Members, please have in mind the concerns on the supplementary so that when you go to the committee of the whole; see what justice you do to the budget; that is my plea.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, I want to see at the tent if there is any member who has voted nay or is asking for division. I am repeating the question particularly for purposes of the members in the tent,

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is the second reading of the bill and I am calling upon Hon. Dominic Ndambuki chairperson Budget and appropriations committee.

BILL

Second Reading

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.2) (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO.1)

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 121(1) I wish to move the motion that the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2020, Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 2, Machakos Bill No. 1 be now read a second time. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do you have a Seconder?

Hon. Ndambuki: I have Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Angela Munyasya:

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Munyasya. Hon. Members, I invite the chairperson Budget and appropriations committee to make commends on the Bill (... in audible) Hon. Members, I appreciate we are in a Covid 19 situation and it is like you on long, long holiday. So Hon. Members I call upon the chairperson Budget and Appropriations committee to make commends on the Bill.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Much has been said by the House as pertains to the contents of the bill that is before the House. My request is to the executive once we are through with the process and it is my prayer that we are going to be done with the process to the entirety, that they put into good use the money that the House is going to appropriate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members I invite you to make a comment, to debate on the supplementary appropriation bill, before I put the question on the second reading. A comment by Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be very brief. Madam Speaker as we move to this stage, it is critical for us to have the annexure here. Annexure of the document which came from the executive so that when we move to the third round we will be comparing the recommendations with the---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, that document is the one in yellow, it has been circulated. Your neighbor has it but it is there so go to another point if you have any other point.

Hon. Speaker: Any other comment from any member? Thank you, Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

Can I have Members seated in the tent (... Inaudible)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House today by leave of the House)

(Then)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for Committee read)

[Hon. Speaker left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[Hon. Chairperson (Hon. Museku) took the Chair]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020

Hon. Chairperson: Hon. Members, I would like us, sincerely speaking, to if it is a bio break, let us make it two minutes so that we can be able to go through this. If it is possible, I would like us to be through with this as quickly as possible in view of time. I give you five minutes for a bio break. Remember, due to social distancing, even if you are going to the loo, you go one by one, Hon. Members, and when you come back, retain your seat, please. Don't move seats.

(Hon. Members took break from the House)

Hon. Chairperson: Okay, Hon. Members, let us settle down and proceed now with the issues of the Committee of the Whole House so that we can finalize on this issue and I request the Clerk to proceed.

Clause 2

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Clause 2 be amended:-

- (i) In the short title by deleting the figure “12,848,817,227” and substituting therefor the following “13,329,651,161”
- (ii) In Clause 2 by deleting the expression “Twelve Billion, Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Million, Eight Hundred-Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Only” and substituting therefor the expression “thirteen Billion, three and twenty nine million, six hundred and fifty one thousand, one hundred and sixty one.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

*(Question that the words to be left out be left out,
put and agreed to)*

Clause 3

Hon. Ndambuki: Mr. Chairman, I propose that the Bill is amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after Clause 3:-

The supply granted for the services of the year ending on 30th June, 2020, in respect of Votes R0004, R0005, R0008, R0009, R0010, R0011, R0012, R0013, D0002, D0004, D0005, R0006, R0009, R0010, R0012, and D0013 and in accordance with the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Act, No.6 of 2020 is reduced by the amounts specified in the third column of the Schedule.

(Question of the new clause proposed)

(New clause read the First Time)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)

(The new clause was read a Second Time)

(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Schedule R0001

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0001 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “0” relating to “ recurrent expenses of the Office of the Governor- County Executive portfolio’ on increase/decrease in Ksh and substituting therefor the figure “10,000,000”; as relates to the increase in Ksh
- (ii) In P01Headquarters Co-ordination and Supervisory Services by deleting the figure “351,196,578” and substituting therefor the figure “362,196,578” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh”;
- (iii) In P03 Human Resource and Administration Section by deleting the figure “86,840,760” and substituting therefor the figure “75,840,760” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh”;
- (iv) In P06 Cabinet Office by deleting the figure “16,493,176” and substituting therefor the figure “6,493,176” as relates to the Revised Budget 2”;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0001 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0002

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0002 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “672,835,040” relating to “ recurrent expenses of public Service, Labour and ICT portfolio’ on increase in Ksh and substituting therefor the figure “ 572,835,020”; as relates to the increase in Ksh
- (ii) By deleting the figure “ 1,456,406,423” relating to “ recurrent expenses of public Service, Labour and ICT portfolio’ on revised budget 2 and substituting therefor the figure “ 1,356,406,403” as relates to revised budget 2;
- (iii) In P01 General Administration and Support Services by deleting the figure “693,832,403” as relates to increase in Ksh and substituting therefor the figure “593,832,403” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh”;
- (iv) In P01 General Administration and Support Services by deleting the figure “1,314,936,016” and substituting therefor the figure “1,214,936,016” as relates to the revised budget 2”;

- (v) In P06 Closed Circuit Television by deleting the figure “(1,879,640) and substituting therefor the figure “(1,879,660)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (vi) In P06 Closed Circuit Television by deleting the figure “365,360 and substituting therefor the figure “365,340” as relates to the revised Budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Hon. Chairperson: Yes, go ahead.

Hon. Kisila: I just want to understand where LapTrust money is, because it is in that R.... I just want that clarification.

Hon. Chairperson: R what?

Hon. Kisila: I just want to be clarified to, please. It's important that we get a clarification, because as we vote, it will be clear.

Hon. Chairperson: *(to the Clerk)* Just show him where it is. He is looking for... if you look at that figure which you are seeing there, you can be able to see that that vote is being increased by Kshs. 672,835,040, which is made up of primarily, the 230 Million and re-allocations which are being done to other votes. It is included there. Let's go ahead.

(Question that Schedule R0002 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0003

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0003 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the word “innovation” appearing after the phrase “recurrent expenses of Trade, industrialization and” and immediately before the phrase “ portfolio in the following programmes” and substituting therefor the words “ economic planning units”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0003 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0004

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0004 be amended:-

- (i) In P07 Economic Planning and External Resource Mobilization Section (County Planning and Statistical Information Services by deleting “1,500,000” and substituting therefor the figure “0” as relates to the increase/Decrease in Ksh.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0004 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0005

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0005 be amended:-

- (i) In P05 Sanitation Management by deleting the figure ‘0’ as relates to the Revised Budget 2 and substituting therefor the figure “1,530,000”;
 - a. By deleting the figure “8,612,550.58” relating to ‘P07Inspectorate Services and management’ as relates to Revised budget 2 and substituting therefor the figure “8,612,550”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0005 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0006

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0006 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “(29,957,103)” relating to “ Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “ 29,957,103.92” as relates to increase/decrease in Ksh .
- (ii) By deleting the figure “339,547,931” relating to “ Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “ 339,547,930.70” as relates to Revised Budget 2 in Ksh .
- (iii) By deleting the figure “(3,596,934.07)” relating to “P03Livestock Resources Management and Development” and substituting therefore the figure “(3,596,934)” as relates to the increase/Decrease in Ksh.
- (iv) By deleting the figure “46,278,648.72” relating to “P03Livestock Resources Management and Development” and substituting therefore the figure “46,278,649” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0006 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Hon. Chairperson: What is the point of clarification? Hon. Member, yes... Maybe the Chair?

Hon. Ndambuki: Chair, let me just assist him. Hon. Kisila, what we are doing is, this is the original Bill as forwarded from the Executive, and then we took it to the Government Printers, then this is the report. Now, we are making the amendments based on what we have in the report.

Hon. Kisila: Fair enough. The more reason why we need, before we say nay or ayes, we need to know the actual amounts here, otherwise we will be voting on a report which is rubber-stamping something which is---

Hon. King'ori: ---because we need to go back to the Executive to do the same.

Hon. Chairperson: Let me just advise the Hon. Member so that we can be able to move quickly. Even if a line changes by two shillings, it has to be put through an amendment, and therefore, the amendments we are making here, we are making amendments based on what has been approved by the House. Those are the amendments we are making here. So, the House has approved Kshs. 10 Million to be put for chicks. The one which will go to government printers now, after the amendments which we are making, will have that Kshs. 10 Million in it, but you cannot see it here because this is the draft which came from the Executive, on which we are working on the amendments.

For example, you can see here, there was no 229 from what you are talking about, but we know it is part of the 672. We are breaking it down for you in the report. We broke it down for you in the report and told you this is made up of Kshs. 230 Million Laptrust Fund and the rest is going to be distributed amongst the other salaries and wages. That we made a clarification for you.

So, in R0008, the committee recommended Kshs. 10 Million be put for chicks. The one which will go to government printers will have an amendment of Kshs. 10 Million put to increase chicks. Therefore, it will reduce on some of the figures which you are seeing here. For example, it could be on headquarter administrative services, for example. So, that Kshs. 6 Million you are seeing there, in the final one, we will increase by Kshs. 4 Million because we'll have added here Kshs. 10 Million to cater for the chicken, you understand? But we are not going to see the amendments which were done by the committee here because this is the draft we are working from, and now we are making what will go to government printers. You may continue.

(Hon. Kisila responded off record)

Hon. Chairperson: What we are saying here is this, Chair, Budget, I think he is making a valid point. What we are saying here is, the amendments which were proposed in the various schedules were discussed before the House here and agreed upon. Therefore, what we are discussing here is ratifying that report for it to be put as amendments in the Bill. Proceed, please.

Hon. Kisila: Let me go on record; he (the clerk at the table) has got the document which I've been asking for, because if you are making amendments, it should be very clear on that budget line, and that's what I've been asking for. So, Members should be having this document, this one.

Hon. Chairperson: Hon. Kisila, you may sit down. What I know is, the document you are looking at right now, unless you have gone through the debate, which you have gone through, everything you see there has been summarized in the report the chair has read, but since you need a copy of that report, you have been given the copy. Proceed Mr. Clerk

Schedule R0007

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0007 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “3,438,471,099.2” relating to “ recurrent expenses of Health and Emergency Services portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “3,540,992,099” as relates to the revised Budget 2 in Ksh”;
- (ii) In P01General Administration and Support Services by deleting the figure “2,846,742,92.6” and substituting therefor the figure “3,035,263,923” as relates to the Revised Budget 2
- (iii) By deleting the figure “469,163,685.54” relating to P02Machakos Level 5 and substituting therefor the figure “393,163,685.54” as relates to the revised budget 2.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0007 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Hon. Kisila: If you want us to do this thing for the sake of it, we can just do it, but it is important, as one Member put it here, we don't play around with money. Schedule R0007, “By deleting the figure “469,163,685.54” relating to Machakos Level 5 and substituting therefor the figure “393,163,685.54.” So you are reducing Machakos Level 5 money by Kshs. 100 Million?

Hon. Chairperson: We are increasing. It is....

Hon. Kisila: Members, it is important that I get a clarification from the Chair. It is...

Hon. Chairperson: Ok, can I clarify? R0007, if you look at the report which was read before the House, is increasing from Kshs. 438,871,099.2 to Kshs. 540 Million. Where is the decrease Hon. Member? No, the report which we are having here is written here clearly, by deleting the figure Kshs. 3438471099 relating to recurrent expenditure, Health and Emergency Services and substituting therefor with the figure of Kshs. 3,540,992,000. So, Hon. Member, where is the deduction? Let us not ask questions when I'm trying to explain this. Let's ask factual questions because all the figures we have here is what we have put in the document. Unless you are having the wrong document, I can show you what I have.

(The Chair showed Hon. Kisila his document)

In light of time, I will request the Hon. Members to refer to the report which was tabled before the House when you reach a specific department and confirm that the figures which were read by the Hon. Chair before the House here is what is being put in this report. The reason why you find that is because as we were doing the House business here, the secretariat was preparing this report from what was before the House.

That is why you find there is not much cross-checking between this and that because this document will be having a summary of exactly what the chair read before the House. So, in R0007, it is an increase from Kshs. 3.4 Billion to Kshs. 3.5 Billion. There is no decrease in healthcare. Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

Schedule R0008

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0008 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “21,265,920” relating to “ recurrent expenses of Roads, Transport and Public Works portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “(21,265,920) as relates to increase and decrease in Ksh”;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0008 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0009

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0009 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “(122,566,202)” relating to “the recurrent expenses for Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “22,566,202” as relates to increase in Ksh
- (ii) By deleting the figure “237,767,096” relating to “the recurrent expenses of Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “337,767,096” as relates to revised budget 2
- (iii) By deleting the figure “(109,828,095)” relating to “P01 Headquarters Administrative Services ” and substituting therefor the figure “(9,828,095” as relates to increase in Ksh
- (iv) By deleting the figure “177,817,821” relating to “P01 Headquarters Administrative Services” and substituting therefor the figure “277,817,821” as relates to revised budget 2.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0009 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule R0010

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0010 be as proposed

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0010 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

(Schedules R0011, R0012 and R0013 agreed to)

Schedule R0014

Hon. Kisila: Where are the ward offices in this one?

Hon. Chairperson: That is in development; this is recurrent. We are coming to development. R is recurrent, then the next one will be D. When you hear schedule D, that's development.

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule R0014 be amended:-

- (i) In P01 HR, Administration and Coordination Services by deleting the figure “17,515,000” and substituting therefor the figure “15,715,000” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (ii) In P01 HR, Administration and Coordination Services by deleting the figure “268,985,955” and substituting therefor the figure “267,185,995” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (iii) In P02 Financial Management Services by deleting the figure “(5,255,000)” and substituting therefor the figure “(5,425,000)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (iv) In P02 Financial Management Services by deleting the figure “30,880,281” and substituting therefor the figure “30,680,281” as relates to the revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (v) In P04 County Assembly Services Board Services by deleting the figure “2,110,000” and substituting therefor the figure “4,110,000” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (vi) In P04 County Assembly Services Board Services by deleting the figure “42,110,000” and substituting therefor the figure “44,110,000” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (vii) In P05 Legislative Services by deleting the figure “(21,800,000)” and substituting therefor the figure “(16,800,000)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (viii) In P05 Legislative Services by deleting the figure “254,028,920” and substituting therefor the figure “259,028,920” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (ix) In P06 Procedure and Committee Services by deleting the figure “9,400,000” and substituting therefor the figure “4,400,000” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (x) In P06 Procedure and Committee Services by deleting the figure “171,900,000” and substituting therefor the figure “166,900,000” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule R0014 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Totals for Recurrent Expenditure

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Totals for Recurrent Expenditure be amended:-

By deleting the figure “(529,355,795)” as relates to the sub total for the recurrent expenditure and substituting therefor the figure “(1,440,500,931)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;

By deleting the figure “8,532,456,213.02” as relates to the sub total for the recurrent expenditure and substituting therefor the figure “8,634,977,192” as relates to the revised budget 2 in Ksh

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Totals for Recurrent Expenditure be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

(Schedules D0001 and D0002 agreed to)

Schedule D0003

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0003 be amended:-

- (i) In D0003 as relates Trade, Industrialization and Economic Planning Portfolio by deleting the figure “(76,824,753)” and substituting therefor the figure “52,927,610” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (ii) In D0003 as relates Trade, Industrialization and Economic Planning Portfolio by deleting the figure “66,724,661” and substituting therefor the figure “90,621,804” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (iii) Deleting the figure “(47,997,142)” relating to “P02Trade Development” and substituting therefor the figure “29,100,000” as relates to the increase in Ksh
- (iv) By deleting the figure “9,402,858” relating to “P02Trade Development” and substituting therefor the figure “28,300,000” as relates to the Revised Budget 2;
- (v) By deleting the figure “(22,565,361)” relating to “P03Industrial Development” and substituting therefor the figure “(17,565,360)” as relates to the increase in Ksh
- (vi) By deleting the figure “56,630,303” relating to “P03Industrial Development” and substituting therefor the figure “61,630,304” as relates to the Revised Budget 2.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0003 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

(Schedules D0004 and D0005 agreed to)

Schedule D0006

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0006 be amended:-

- (ii) By deleting the figure “205,502,469” relating to “ development expenses of Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “(107,291,288) as relates to increase and decrease in Ksh”;

- (i) By deleting the figure “157,263,317” relating to “ development expenses of Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “255,474,498” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh”;
- (ii) By deleting the figure “(88,465,641)” relating to P01 General Administration and Support Services and substituting therefor the figure “(130,860)” as relates to the increase in Ksh
- (iii) By deleting the figure “108,595,742” relating to P01 General Administration and Support Services and substituting therefor the figure “196,930,523” as relates to the Revised Budget 2
- (iv) By deleting the figure “(36,039,459)” relating to P08 Crop Development and Management” and substituting therefor the figure “(16,039,459)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (v) By deleting the figure “(9,876,400)” relating to P04 Fisheries Development” and substituting therefor the figure “(0)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (vi) By deleting the figure “1,215,600” relating to P04 Fisheries Development” and substituting therefor the figure “11,092,000” as relates to the Revised Budget 2in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0006 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule D0007

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0007 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “62,109,611 relating to “P08Public Health and Community Outreach ” and substituting therefor the figure “62,313,168” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0007 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule D0008

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0008 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “(40,000,000)” relating to “ P01General Administration Support Services and substituting therefor the figure “(60,000,000)” as relates to decrease in Ksh;
- (ii) By deleting the figure “72,000,000” relating to “ P01General Administration Support Services and substituting therefor the figure “52,000,000” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;

- (iii) By deleting the figure “21,000,000” relating to “ P02 Road development and management” and substituting therefor the figure “163,016,490” as relates to increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (iv) By deleting the figure “782,202,751” relating to “ P02 Road development and management” and substituting therefor the figure “924,219,241” as relates to Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;
- (v) By deleting the figure “151,892,890” relating to “ P03 County Government Building Services” and substituting therefor the figure “0” as relates to the increase/Decrease in Ksh;
- (vi) By deleting the figure “456,476,278” relating to “ P03 County Government Building Services” and substituting therefor the figure “304,583,388” as relates to the revised budget in Ksh;
- (vii) By deleting the figure “60,000,000” relating to “ P04 County Fleet Management” and substituting therefor the figure “0” as relates to increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (viii) By deleting the figure “140,000,000” relating to “ P04 County Fleet Management” and substituting therefor the figure “80,000,000” as relates to the revised budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0008 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule D0009

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0009 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “71,402” relating to “P03 Youth Development Services” and substituting therefor the figure “71,402,211” as relates to revised budget 2 in Ksh.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0009 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Schedule D0010

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Schedule D0010 be amended:-

- (i) By deleting the figure “(383,241,083)” relating to “development expenses of Energy, Lands, Housing and urban development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “(64,672,052)” as relates to the increase and decrease in Ksh;
- (ii) By deleting the figure “753,282,262” relating to “development expenses of Energy, Lands, Housing and urban development portfolio” and substituting therefor the figure “ 1,071,851,293” as relates to the Revised Budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Schedule D0010 be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

NEW SCHEDULES

Schedule D0011

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that the Bill be amended by inserting immediately after Schedule D0010 thereof a new clause as follows:-

D001	The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for development expenses of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture Portfolio in the following programmes.....	206,422,738	(120,984,194)	85,438,544
	P03 Tourism development and Marketing.....	5,500,000	(979,694)	4,520,306
			
	P04 Management of recreational Facilities.....	30,000,000	(12,152,491)	17,847,509
		(1,999,996)	8,000,004
	P05 Talent Management.....	10,000,000	(519,907)	1,480,093
			
	P06 County Beautification.....	2,000,000		53,590,632
		(105,332,106)	
	P07 Management and Development of Sports and Sports Facilities.....	158,922,738)	

Hon. Chairperson: I think it is important to note that this is a new schedule because what had happened is, when the Bill was printed, if you look at the Bill you have, it had been printed without that... it was moving from page 9 to page 11, and therefore, in between there, there is one page missing, which had these new schedules we are talking about here, which had not been inserted there. That is why they are coming in, because the Bill as it is does not have them. So, those new schedules have to be inserted. They are existing; they are there, but they had been omitted from the Bill and therefore they have to be now reinstated as new in this specific Bill. Are we together? Thank you Hon. Members.

(Question of the new clause proposed)

(New clause read the First Time)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)

(The new clause was read a Second Time)

(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)

Schedule D0012

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that the Bill be amended by inserting immediately after Schedule D0011 thereof a new clause as follows:-

D001	The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for development expenses of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources portfolio in the following programmes.....	810,180,117	(405,835,214)	404,344,963
2	P01 Water Supply and Sewerage	354,957,288	(130,964,076)	223,993,212
	P02 Water Resources Management and Storage.....			
	P03 Irrigation Schemes and Development.....	42,449,913	0	42,449,913
			
	P04 General Administration and Support Services	368,750,000	(256,888,728)	111,861,272
	44,022,976	(17,982,410)	26,040,566

(Question of the new clause proposed)

(New clause read the First Time)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)

(The new clause was read a Second Time)

(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)

Schedule D0013

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that the Bill be amended by inserting immediately after Schedule D0012 thereof a new clause as follows:-

D0013	The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for development expenses of County Public Service Board portfolio in the following programmes.....	7,647,903	(7,647,903)	0
			
	P01 Human Resource and Administration.....	7,647,903	(7,647,903)	0
			

(Question of the new clause proposed)

(New clause read the First Time)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)

(The new clause was read a Second Time)

(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)

Schedule D0014

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that the Bill be amended by inserting immediately after Schedule D0013 thereof a new clause as follows:-

‘The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for development expenses’ immediately before the phrase “County Assembly Portfolio” as relates to the code and development expenditure (Service or purpose) respectively.

(Question of the new clause proposed)

(New clause read the First Time)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)

(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)

(The new clause was read a Second Time)

(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)

Totals for Development Expenditure

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that Totals for Development Expenditure be amended:-

- (a) By deleting the figure “(1,069,387,729)” as relates to the sub total for the development expenditure and substituting therefor the figure “(691,074,773.90)” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (b) By deleting the figure “4,316,361,013.96” as relates to the sub total for the development expenditure and substituting therefor the figure “ 4,694,673,969 ” as relates to the revised budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Totals for Development Expenditure be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

Grand Total

Hon. Ndambuki: I move that the Grand Total be amended:-

- (a) By deleting the figure “(540,031,934.00)” as relates to the Grand total and substituting therefor the figure “749,426,157” as relates to the increase/decrease in Ksh;
- (b) By deleting the figure “12,848,817,226.98” as relates to the Grand Total and substituting therefor the figure “ 13,329,651,161 ” as relates to the revised budget 2 in Ksh;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question that Grand Total be amended as proposed put and agreed to)

(Title agreed to)

(Clause 1 agreed to)

Hon. Chairperson: Hon. Members, that brings us to the end of this Committee of the Whole House.

Hon. Ndambuki: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the House its consideration of The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020, Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 2, Machakos County Bill No. 1, and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

[Hon. Speaker in the Chair]

REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020

Hon. Museku: Hon. Speaker, I wish to report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020, Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 2, Machakos County Bill No. 1, and has approved the same with amendments.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair of Chairs. Hon. Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the committee in the said report.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. You have a seconder?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, I request Hon. Cosmus Masesi to second.

Hon. Masesi: Hon. Speaker, I wish to second that the House do agree with the committee in the said report.

Hon. Speaker: Do you have any speech you may wish to make, Hon. Masesi?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker. Mine is to the Hon. Members. Let us unite and all of us let us have in mind that nobody is against the government. Madam Speaker, what we do and what I would wish to advocate for is to do service and do what is right, and at least Madam Speaker, have the people of Machakos benefit from all the laws and regulations we pass in this House. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: This is now the Third Reading of the Bill and I call upon Hon. Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 131(2) I beg to move that The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020, Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 2, Machakos County Bill No. 1, be now read a Third Time.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. You have a seconder?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, I do have. Hon. Paul Museku.

Hon. Museku: I second the Chair.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: I invite the mover to thank the Members; they have really done a lot of work since morning.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you Hon. Speaker: As you have clearly put it, I wish to thank the House for its resilience, for perseverance, staying still throughout the process and now that we have come almost to the tail-end of the day, I wish them journey mercies as they go home. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members you have now passed the Machakos County Assembly second Supplementary Bill, 2019/2020. Congratulations Hon. Members for the perseverance.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker: Before I finalize Hon. Members, the communication I did this morning on the composition of the House Business, there was one Member who was left out. That was inadvertent because of the hurry in preparing the communication, and the name of the Member that was left out is Hon. Rozina Kanini. I was informed later that the Members are usually five from the NASA Coalition Party.

So, Hon. Members, note, that is still part of the communication which I did in the morning on the representatives of the NASA Party in the House Business committee. Those I read in the afternoon plus Hon. Rozina Kanini.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have come to the end of the very long sitting of today and allow me to thank you profusely for your perseverance and I am hoping that each of you will make it to your home. If you find that you are being asked questions, you say that you are coming from giving the essential services of this Assembly. You have a reason why you are out at this time. I know it is already curfew time. I wish you well.

For other matters that come up, just be waiting, we shall be calling you as and when necessary, but if the President opens the operations in the country, and we hope it will be soon, then we will all start congregating as we have been doing before the Covid-19, but in the

meanwhile, let us be taking care of ourselves in the way you know and talk to your electorate to do the same, because we all must be safe. God bless you all. Thank you.

The House rose at 8.51 p.m.