

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Serjeant at Arms, please ring the bell for quorum.

*(Quorum Bell was rung)*

Mr. Serjeant, you can stop the bell; I am informed we have a quorum. Good afternoon Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you members to the afternoon session for today's business.

*(Applause)*

**MOTION**

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF  
CONTROLLER OF BUDGET FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 2018/19

*(Hon. Ndambuki on 13.11.2019)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 12.11.2019)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Under this Order, we have one motion, Controller of Budget Report and although the question had been proposed I would request the Chairman for Budget and Appropriation to just give us a few point to give the Hon Members minds as pertaining this business because I believe it is a very, very serious and important debate that we must begin today. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, please welcome.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to congratulate you on your maiden sitting as Hon. Speaker. With your permission, Madam Speaker, I am going to remind members of the highlights contained in the report of the budget and appropriations committee on the report of the Controller of Budget on the first three quarters of FY 2018/2019.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to look at observations and recommendations and part of the report, Madam Speaker, allow me to read a paragraph that is dear to the hearts of these Hon Members which is contained in page 6. Madam Speaker, the paragraph reads; the County spent Ksh. 20.18 million to cater for the committee sitting allowances for the 60 MCAs including the Speaker against the annual budget allocation of Ksh. 80.21 million compared to Ksh. 6.49 million spent in a similar period of FY 2017/18. The average monthly sitting allowance translated to Ksh. 37,378 per MCA against the SRC's recommended monthly ceiling of Ksh. 124,800.

Madam Speaker, over to the observations.

1. The County generated a total of Ksh. 527.44 million as own-sources of revenue during the first nine months of FY 2018/19. The own-sources of revenue collected during the period represented a decrease from Ksh. 633.21 million realized during the same period of the FY 2017/18 and represented 30.7 per cent of the annual target.
2. Most of the County entities did not spend all the money that was requisitioned from the exchequer while others did not requisition funds but they had expenditures.
3. The Department of Public Service, Labour and ICT had the highest percentage of recurrent expenditure to recurrent budget at 860.2 per cent. This is because all wage bills are irregularly charged to the department. This is against Article 207(2)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.
4. Department of Trade, Investment, Economic Planning, Industrialization and Energy did not incur any development expenditure yet it has an allocation of 91.38 million.
5. The total development expenditure of Ksh. 744.40 million represented 16.2 per cent of the annual development budget of Ksh. 4.60 billion which is contrary to section 107 of the PFM Act, 2012 which stipulates a minimum of 30 per cent of the total expenditure.
6. The wages expenditure was 66.4 per cent of the total expenditure contrary to section 107 of the PFM Act, 2012 and corresponding regulations which stipulate a maximum of 35 per cent.

Hon. Speaker, the County has made progress in addressing some of the challenges previously identified as affecting budget implementation. Some of the progress include:

- i. Establishment of the Internal Audit Committee in line with Section 155 of the PFM Act, 2012. However, the committee is yet to table furnish the Assembly with a status report.
- ii. Timely submission of financial reports to the Controller of Budget by the County Treasury in line with Section 166 of the PFM Act, 2012.
- iii. There was an improvement in development budget absorption for 2018/19 as compared to 2017/18.

Despite the above progress, the following challenges continued to hamper effective budget implementation;

1. A high wage bill that increased by 15.2 per cent from Ksh. 3.44 billion in the first nine months of FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 3.96 billion in the first nine months

of FY 2018/19. The wage bill accounted for 66.4 per cent of total expenditure in the reporting period.

2. Delays by Fund Administrators of both the County Assembly and the County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage Funds to submit expenditure reports contrary to Section 168 of the PFM Act, 2012.

Madam Speaker, we look at the committee recommendations.

Hon. Speaker, in order to improve budget execution, the County should implement the following recommendations;

1. The County Public Service Board should establish an optimal staffing structure in order to ensure a sustainable wage bill.
2. The CECM-Finance, should ensure the Fund Administrators prepare and submits expenditure reports on the in line with Section 168 of the PFM Act, 2012.
3. Machakos County is not accessing all the available grants for County Governments. Such grants include; EU for instruments for Devolution Advice and Support Ksh. 1.04 billion, IDA for water and sanitation development project Ksh. 3.8 billion, IDA for Kenya Devolution support project level 2 at Ksh. 4.0 billion, Sweden – for Agricultural Sector Development Support programme at Ksh. 1.0 billion, EU for water tower protection and climate change mitigation and Adaption programme at Ksh. 880 million, IDA for Kenya Urban Support project for Urban institutions at Ksh. 1.84 billion and Compensation of User Fee Foregone at Ksh. 900 million. The county Government should engage senate and other development partners to enable them access the same conditional grants.
4. The Department of Labour, Public Service and ICT together with the County Public Service Board should adopt the recommendation by the CoB to establish an optimal staffing structure in order to manage the ballooning wage Bill. They should further forward to the committee a copy of the approved Action Plan that is SMART as instructed by the National Treasury through the Budget Policy Statement. The Action Plan should be forwarded to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on or before 15th November, 2019
5. The Chief Officer, Labour, Public Service and ICT should ensure that other Departments are responsible for their own expenditure to avoid audit queries. The Budget implementation should be as per the approved Budget estimates by the County treasury. For instance, in the case of the Department of Labour, Public Service and ICT which has an absorption rate of 860.2 per cent, the committee directed that the County Secretary, the CECM and CO, for Labour. Public Service and ICT should table the matter before the Cabinet. A progress report on the same should be reported to the Committee on or before 15th November, 2019.
6. The county government should adhere to the fiscal responsibility principles set out in Section 107 of the PFM Act and corresponding regulations by achieving a minimum of 30 per cent development expenditure and a maximum of 35 per cent on personnel emoluments.

#### *ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Hon. 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.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the Report of the Controller of Budget for the first half year FY 2018/19; in this Hon. House for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, our chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee. Members, I am sure everybody is aware of what the report is all about and now since the question had been proposed, I invite Members now for this debate. Mheshimiwa Helen, welcome.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to thank the Budget Committee for a well written report. However, I would request that in future, such lengthy reports that have got a lot of mathematics be circulated to us a day earlier so that we can interrogate and have all the information in our fingertips.

*(Applause)*

Secondly, I would like to commend that I am happy it appears like the absorption rate on development has improved generally and that is a good sign that our County is trying to put whatever money they have in to use. Another point that I have noted is that, I would request that the county sets up a desk headed by people who are very good with public relations to ensure that all these conditional grants are followed up because if we are not accessing this conditional grants then it means that we are lacking in some development agenda which can be very well done if that money was made available.

Thirdly, before I sit, I would say that I don't know whether I heard well but it is like the first six months, our revenue collection was low; there is need for the Executive to sit down and analyze and find out why revenue collection for the first six months was low.

Finally, I would want to comment about the absorption rate for the monies for the Assembly; if I also heard well, I think the absorption rate for the Assembly was quite low because I heard that we spent Ksh. 21 or so million against a budget of Ksh. 86 million. I think we need to find out what happened and why this money was not utilized. Could we be lagging in utilizing this money in areas that are very useful to the Members of this Assembly? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Helen. Hon. King'ori.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am saddened by the word wage bill and why I am saddened is that it is not that ICT is notorious of being channeled with money belonging to the recurrent budget which is exaggerated and which is very wrong and that department should be investigated and it should be known why other departments are being paid through the ICT department yet they are not the ones who are supposed to pay their salaries.

Each and every department should pay or have its records of how they are using their recurrent budget instead of giving one particular department for the whole county. That is where we are going wrong and we are saying that the budget is low but the labor force is very low that

even in Muthwani ward, we do not have sweepers in our markets, we don't have people for waste disposal yet we are saying that we are paying a very huge bill.

Who are you paying it to? We don't have enough staff even in the hospitals; we just have two personnel in the whole of Muthwani ward to cater for health department and I wonder how the wage bill is high and we don't have personnel to work for our people. It means that somebody in the Executive is using the word wage bill to con the people of Machakos of their hard earned money. It should be seen to it that the ICT is the only department which is being used by the Executive to swindle the people of Machakos and that one should be investigated and taken seriously.

Last year they did the same; we had a recurrent budget of Ksh. 4 billion in one department which is not good. It is not even healthy to the development of our county; we need more money in development than in recurrent expenditure but because there is somebody hiding under the word wage bill, that is why they are trying to make everything look like it is working but it is not working.

Madam Speaker, I am also saddened by the way we are collecting our revenue. How come, five years ago when we did not have so many companies we used to fetch more money yet now we are declining when we have more companies and more businesses in our society? Muthwani ward now has so many businesses upcoming and they are making a lot of funds out of it but what we are getting is that the collection is going down and it does not add up. Madam Speaker, it is the right time we step up our authority and say enough is enough.

If we have to develop this county, we must stand up and be counted that we oversight the Executive so that we get the people of Machakos the services they need most instead of just silencing and just say it just alright always when the county is going down. It is the high time we agree that the county is not working very well.

The next thing I want to speak about is how absorption of development money is being done. It is being taken very low yet the contractors are crying that they need money. They need money to work, they have even borrowed money, some banks are even are at their heads yet nobody is concerned about them. It is the high time the Executive, if they can't work, let the Governor dissolve his cabinet and constitute another one so that we can have a working county instead of people who never think about the right thing for the people of Machakos. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think it is the high time that we debated on this report and I will mostly narrow down to the issue of revenue collection that has already been raised by a Hon. Member here. As the Chair finance Hon. Speaker, we have had the same problem and we called the Executive to explain to us why the records were at Ksh. 527 million and the answer that they tried to give was that KCB was failing to upload some money whereby we have requested for statements confirming that KCB was failing to upload the money.

Because at the end of the day, the money that has been collected in the entire county Madam Speaker is Ksh. 1.55 billion for the year so you find that there is some information breakdown that if in the first three quarters, the county had raised Ksh. 527 million and the fourth quarter we hit at Ksh. 1.55 billion, it means in three months, the county collected a Ksh. 1 billion which is not possible. So they said it was an error that was caused by the bank

that already we have asked them to furnish us with the statements from the bank to show that. So, Hon. King'ori I think on that one you have been answered. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Mheshimiwa Alice.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka:** Asante Bi. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Bi. Spika, kongole kwa kuwa Spika.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Ahsante.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka:** Bi Spika, kuna jambo ambalo limeleta butwaa nimeangalia nimeshindwa na ndio nataka kuzungumzia. Ukiangalia kwenye ripoti ya ambayo Kamati ya bajeti imeleta, ukurasa wa sita sehemu ya pili, imeongea zaidi juu ya marupurupu ambayo tunapewa kwenye vikao vya kamati na vikao vya Bunge. Bi Spika, tume ya mishahara ya nchi yetu imepeana kiwango cha pesa ambacho tunapaswa kulipa na ukiangalia vizuri utapata kamati ya bajeti imeleta kusema kwamba tunapaswa kulipwa Ksh. 124,800. Ukiangalia wakileta kiwango cha usawa kwetu kama wabunge wamesema tulilipwa kiwango cha Ksh. 37,000.

Bi. Spika, kwenye vikao vya bunge na Kamati, ukifikia kulipwa marupurupu, sijui baadhi yetu sikumbuki kama kuna mtu amelipwa hiki kiwango cha Ksh. 124,000. Hata ukihudhuria vikao vyote, unapaswa kuhudhuria vikao vya bunge nne na vya kamati nne, jumla ya nane katika kila wiki. Kwa hivyo mwezi mzima unapaswa kuwa umekaa vikao 32.

Nafikiria baadhi yetu wengi tunahudhuria hivyo vikao na hakuna siku tumepata hizo pesa Ksh. 124,000. Mimi kuhusika kwangu sana, nataka uongozi katika bunge letu, karani mkuu wa bunge letu na wale ambao wanahusika, kamati ya bajeti na kamati ya fedha, wakae na kuangalia shida iliopo. Kwa sababu kuna idadi ya pesa tunapaswa kupewa, Ksh. 84 milioni na hatujazitumia; tumetumia kiwango kidogo sana.

Nikuonyesha kwamba, hii ripoti ambayo imeletwa kwa mdadisi wa bajeti hatukai kwenye vikao ambavyo tunapaswa kukaa. Kwa hivyo ni jambo ambalo tunataka lichunguzwe hili sheria ifuatwe. Kwa maana ni kuonyesha hatujatumia pesa zetu, nikuonyesha hatufanyi kazi yetu kikamilifu. Kwa hivyo Bi. Spika, ni jambo na lina maana kuangaliwa ionekane ni kwa nini maana itakua sisi kama wabunge tunapoteza pesa nyingi ambazo tunapaswa kupata bali hatupati. Asante.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Alice. Hon. Kiteng'u.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I would like to lean on the wage bill and if I can remember, the other day His. Excellency the Governor had called all the workers who work for Machakos Government to meet at Kenyatta Stadium and I can attest that we have more than 7,000 workers working in our County and I know that when the devolution came, we inherited all the workers who were working for the Municipal Council and again the County also added more workers, but Hon. Speaker, if we are not going to follow up on our workers as per the departments, we are going to continue losing a lot of money on salaries.

If I direct my comment, we have the tractor operators, we have the grader operators and Hon. Speaker, when there are no rains and our tractors operators are not at work, they are not then committed to any other work and you see we only have the exercise running per year 15 days and that is a month for the two seasons so you realize these people are paid the entire year just for the work they have done for like two months.

So, Hon. Speaker, I would request the Executive to look for a policy and see how we can be able to make sure that each and every worker as per department the duty rooster is taken and we know exactly who is working in each Department and to what kind of work they are doing because Hon. Speaker, most of the Departments have a lot of workers but they do not any exercise, they are just there, receive salaries and every month we are paying salaries of over Ksh. 400 million which is high instead of directing this amount of money for development. That is all I have, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u. Hon. Masesi.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. I am happy to have my input on this Controller of Budget report by the Budget Committee and Madam Speaker, I would like to focus on two issues, one if you look at the whole budget Madam Speaker, you realize that we had a budget of development, Ksh. 4.6 billion and what went to development was only Ksh. 700 million.

Madam Speaker, it is not rocket science to see that we are not even spending a quarter of the amount to development and Madam Speaker, if you would lie to go far, at least let us push for half of the development budget to go down to our Wards and we will have value for money when it comes to our people and accountability also. Madam Speaker, you realize today is November and we are yet to start on our development which will lead again to monies being rolled over again to the next financial year.

Madam Speaker, something has to be done to make sure that we start doing our development, we start spending the development monies immediately after we pass the budget so that we can make use of all monies to avoid this issue of not utilizing all monies as per the Departments.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, I was thinking we need to re-look at our calendar business because you realize Members are not making use of Committee allowances as per the ceilings by SRC. We have been out for two months and again in December, we are going out for two other Months. Madam Speaker, MCAs spending Ksh. 37,000 out of Ksh. 84,000 and you know we have got so many people looking upon us on the ground.

Madam Speaker, something has to be done and so long as we are within the ceilings of the SRC, we need to make use of these monies and have all monies meant for committee sittings utilized.

*(Applause)*

Otherwise, we will have no business being here if we cannot utilize what is meant for us in terms of just attending committees. I am for re-looking at the business calendar of this House and we have more sitting days, hours and committee sittings to make sure that we utilize the monies which are meant for these allowances. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Masesi. Hon. Member for Kithimani.

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, for granting me this chance to at least contribute to this matter of Controller of Budget report. I had opted not to contribute but I think I have seen something that is alarming somewhere because those people are those of us who saw a report saying that we are receiving Ksh. 719,000 every month and here there is a report from the Controller of Budget saying that we are receiving Ksh. 37,000 every month for allowances.

*(Applause)*

That shows it was just mere rumors to brand the MCAs of Machakos gluttonous but we are not; we make sure that monies meant for development goes to where it belongs. The only problem is that the absorption rate, although it has at least gone up with six percent from 10 percent from the previous year, Madam Speaker, much needs to be done to make sure that almost 100 percent of development money is directed towards the projects meant to standardize the lives of our people of Machakos.

If you look at the observations that have been made by the committee, it is quite clear that, they observed issues on performance of the budget mostly on the part of labor, and ICT where a lot of money went to that department and the explanation which was put forward showed that all departments, the payrolls are centralized so it is my request if they can decentralize the payrolls so that every department can carry its own luggage or pay its on salaries and have its own payroll so that if we need as a department to get how many people are on IPPD or how many employees are on IPPD from a certain department, we can get them from a certain payroll from one department.

Madam Speaker, there are several strategies which are being shown by the CO who is also my CO that they wanted to put everybody.....those are the employees on IPPD system so that they include those people who might not be included in the IPPD but my suggestion would be that if we can get a credible audit firm like PriceWaterhouse Coopers who can give us the right number of our employees, that could solve the problem of the ballooning wage bill because it would give us the actual number of our employees and also the station and designation where these employees are giving services to our people.

Right now, we know very well that, every Ward has several employees but it is very difficult to call employees to one station like the way they were done when they were being done a headcount by the Governor. One would say they work from a certain station and that is put on the counting person since this person works from there but those experts from audit firms have the expertise on how they count and give the actual number of employees.

So, it is my request to the Chairman of budget committee and to you Madam Speaker, to help the labor Committee to make sure that we have at least some allocation that we can make a good audit of our employees in Machakos County.

Another observation, Madam Speaker, is that you have seen that there is a quite drop of own revenue; the revenue collected has a difference of Ksh. 87 million from the previous Financial year and that tells us that, Madam Speaker, that something needs to be looked at because when we came to this Assembly, we found that Machakos County was collecting almost Ksh. 1.2 billion in a year.



Now it is a quarter year for nine months and it is Ksh. 527 million which shows that even when we go to the last quarter, we will not be able to achieve even the money which we found the County collecting. So, the Department---

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Point of information, Hon. Mwanthi.

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think maybe when I was addressing that, maybe the Member was not listening; I have already addressed that I said we called the Finance Department as Finance Committee, the Ksh. 527 million is not correct because at the end of the year the County has managed to collect the highest revenue collection of Ksh. 1.557 billion, the highest since devolution but the response that we got from the Department is the money that was being wired to KCB accounts it is as if....and when I was reading a report here last week, we noted that there are sometimes when KCB used to skip up to 46 days. I think it was mentioned here, it could skip up to 46 days without depositing money.

So, we have requested the department to bring us the banks statements showing that they were receiving that money and not depositing and it is also good for the KCB to tell us who has been withholding the money for the 46 days, sometimes 70 days without depositing the money to our CRF accounts. So, it is an issue that is being handled by the Finance Committee but the fact of the matter is, the County collected Ksh. 1.557 billion for this same year and it will be shown even by the CoB report which I believe will be coming soon. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, you may proceed.

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, my friend member of Ekalakala for the information. I stand to be guided but I didn't hear that Sorry. Madam Speaker, I am going straight to another observation that most of the county entities did not spend all the money that was requisitioned from the exchequer while others did not requisition funds but they had expenditures. That puts a question; how do you spend without requisition?

Or you commit money or you commit somebody to go and do something and then you do not request for the payment that is against the PFM Act so something needs to be done, Madam Speaker.

Finally, as MCAs we are spending less money than what is allocated as ceilings of the SRC we are losing Ksh. 87,000 every month each and every MCA here yet outside there we are being branded people who are eating county money. Madam Speaker, people need to know that we do not spend money meant for development; we spend meant for our livelihood because we were sent here to work for the people yet we do not even reach the ceilings. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kioko. Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to just comment on the department of trade whereby it had been allocated a whole Ksh. 91.38 million. My concern is two weeks ago, under the same department, we issued some umbrellas to my ward and the value

of the umbrellas was almost Ksh. 1.38 million and I am imagining the sleepless nights I am facing because of the demand from the electorates on the umbrellas and when I see this unspent Ksh. 91 million under the same department, actually it is like the department, I do not know what I should say it does not know what it is doing or it does not enough or competent staff or officers.

It is very shameful to have this money under the same trade when we know very well that department is so key to our electorates. It is the only department whereby our low income earners can benefit a lot from the county government yet you find that it is the department that is spending nothing under development to our people.

So, it is my humble request if the department could be actually looked at and also investigated under the staffing whether we really have qualified people in the department because this would be an injustice to our people. If they cannot benefit from this money when it is already at their disposal for spending it is a really worrying issue.

The other issue is about expenditure under development of the Ksh. 740 million which represent a 16.2 percent of our annual development budget of Ksh. 4.6 billion. When we very well know that the minimum percentage should be 30 percent. What that means is probably under development our government is not performing well. Actually it is like its operating at 50 percent.

So it is my sincere concern that although under our committee we recommended that the principal set out in Section 107 of the PFM Act should achieve a minimum of 30 percent under development. I wish to commend the committee for these good observations and I, Daniel Mutuku Mbevi from Mlolongo included for that good work. Thank you very much, Hon. Members.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I wish to call upon the mover to reply. Before the mover comes to reply, I have seen...he has caught my eye the Minority Leader please move on.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. One I would like to congratulate you the process is moving very smoothly.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, through this report, a good report by the budget committee and my comments or observations regarding the report is that it is a comprehensive report, However, Madam Speaker, the recommendation made by this committee should be followed up. I am saying this because I have seen during some departmental interrogations that they were made to make an action plan. This is in line with the trying to reduce the wage bill so with this action plan that the departments were making it is one of the action plans that the assembly should follow so that we may be seen to be an active Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I would also comment in regard to this report that the absorption rate of the county was below 30 percent on the development expenditure. This is really not very good because for any country to develop the development expenditure should be seen to be effected on the ground because anything that is developing, anything any expenditure that relates to development of a country really brings a lot of impact to the electorate and as the report says or indicates that the wage bill is u, the action plan that is going to reduce the wage bill is the action

plan that has been given in this report and it should be followed fully to note so that we may be seen to be more active on development than the wage bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Dominic, please reply.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank Hon. Members who have contributed to the debate passionately and I would wish to add my voice to the sentiments that Hon. Speaker, that these members have made. For us to realize development as a county, Madam Speaker, we need to change the matrix and ensure that we allocate more money development than or recurrent. That way, Madam Speaker, we will be headed in the right direction.

Again Hon. Speaker, the state of our county has been captured very clearly by the Controller of Budget therefore, it is incumbent upon our executive to ensure that they implement all recommendations that the committee has come up with so that Madam Speaker, we can be able to play our oversight role as Hon. Members. For example Hon. Speaker, there are some timelines as a committee we have given to some specific departments like the department on labor, public service and ICT where we expect them to come up with an action plan before 15th of November, this year. That time lapses this week and other departments.

Madam Speaker, if we have a reciprocating response then our working relations with the executive would be seamless and will be able to expedite our services to our people. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

This report will be forwarded to the executive for implementation as per the recommendations.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Now this House adjourns to the Tuesday the 19th day of November, 2019 at 10.00 am thank you.

The House rose at 3.30 p.m.