

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

The House met at 11.35 a.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good morning, Hon. Members. It is almost approaching noon and we are starting a little late because the Budget committee was still finalizing on the report. Personally, I was ready on time but there wasn't much I could do because you are coming to decide on the Supplementary Budget and that is the report we were awaiting. So we thank God at least that they are ready now we can start with the sitting.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

Under this we have the following communication...I hope you are hearing because there is noise, is it the generator? Okay. I will try to raise my voice and I know you will be able to hear what we are communicating. So I have two communications Hon. Members.

**REGIONAL AND INTEGRATED STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR  
MACHAKOS COUNTY AND SELECTED 16 URBAN CENTRES**

Hon. Members, that is a report that has come from the Executive and it is on the basis of Section 104 of the County Governments Act, 2017 which places an obligation to plan on the County and provides as follows:

- (1) A County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly.
- (2) The County Planning framework shall integrate economic, physical, social, environmental and spatial planning.
- (3) The County Government shall designate County Departments, Cities and Urban areas, Sub-counties and Wards as planning authorities of the County.
- (4) To promote public participation, non-state actors shall be incorporated in the planning processes by all authorities.
- (5) County plans shall be binding on all sub-county units for developmental activities within a County.

Pursuant to this provision, the Department of Urban Development has prepared a regional and integrated Strategic Urban Development Plans for Machakos County and its selected 16 urban centers. The plans are as follows:

1. Machakos Town integrated Spatial Urban Development Plan 2015 – 2035
2. Regional Land Use - Machakos County
3. Tala Town – Proposed Structure Plan
4. Matuu town - Proposed Structure Plan
5. Kangundo town - Proposed Structure Plan
6. Kathiani Center - Proposed Structure Plan
7. Mitaboni Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
8. Katangi Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
9. Mbiuni Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
10. Kola Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
11. Ekalakala Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
12. Masii Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
13. Kithyoko Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
14. Kivaa Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
15. Wamunyu Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
16. Masinga Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
17. Mwala Centre - Proposed Structure Plan
18. Yathui Centre - Proposed Structure Plan

The Assembly received the said urban development plans on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 for consideration and approval pursuant to section 104(1) of the County Governments Act.

Consequently those plans are committed to the Environment, Land, Energy and Natural Resources Committee for interrogation and tabling of a report in the Assembly for approval the soonest possible. I am aware that yesterday there was a statement brought by Hon. Ndawa and again it touched on urban cities and centers and you interrogated it properly.

#### NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR VETTING

Hon. Members, Section 58(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that the Chairperson and Members of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) shall be nominated and appointed by the County Governor with the approval of the County Assembly.

Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 provides as follows:

- (1) An appointing authority shall, upon nominating a person for an appointment to which this Act applies, notify the relevant County Assembly accordingly;
- (2) An appointing authority shall, in issuing a notice under subsection (1), notify the members of the public on the proposed nomination through such media and platforms established under section 91 of the County Governments Act as it considers appropriate;
- (3) A notification under subsection (1) shall be in writing and lodged with the Clerk of the County Assembly; and
- (4) A notification of nomination shall be accompanied by information concerning the nominee.

Hon. Members, in addition, Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that; “following the receipt of the notification of nomination, the Speaker shall report the receipt of the notification to the County Assembly, following which the notification shall be committed to the relevant committee of the Assembly.”

Hon. Members, pursuant to these provisions of the County Government Act, 2012 and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017; the Office of the Clerk received a notification from H.E the Governor of Machakos County on the nomination of the following persons as Chairperson and Board Members of the Machakos County Public Service Board on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019:

1. Mr. George Kioko Luka recommended to be appointed as Chairperson, CPSB.
2. Ms. Cecilia Mbinya Sereka its written Mr. but the name Cecilia belongs to a woman; so it is either Mrs. or Ms. Cecilia Mbinya Sereka, proposed as member of the CPSB.
3. Ms. Stella Maris Ndinda Muthoka proposed for appointment as member, CPSB.

Hon. Members, the names of those nominees are hereby committed to the Committee on Appointments pursuant to Standing Order 42(2) for vetting as per the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approvals Act 2017 and the county Governments Act and a report to be tabled soonest before this House. Thank you, Hon. Members. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this we have two businesses: the first one is by Hon. Ndambuki and the second by Hon. Kisini.

#### REPORT OF MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2019

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019; the Report of Budget and Appropriation Committee the Machakos County Supplementary Budget, 2019. Thank you, Hon. Speaker

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Can I see the paper? Next is Hon. Kisini.

#### REPORT ON STUDY TOUR TO MALAYSIA

**Hon. Kisini:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019; the Report of Committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources on Study tour to Malaysia. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisini. Let me see the Paper. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members under this we have two businesses by the same Hon. Members in the same order; Hon. Ndambuki and Hon. Kisini.

#### REPORT OF MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2019

**Hon. Ndambuki:**

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 the Machakos County Supplementary Budget 2019, was received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 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 give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation committee on the Machakos County Supplementary Budget 2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Hon. Kisini

**REPORT OF STUDY TOUR TO MALAYSIA****Hon. Kisini:**

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 42 of the constitution of Kenya provides that every person has a right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislative and other measures;

Further, Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 69(1), (a), (e) and (g) of the Constitution provides that the State must ensure sustainable exploitation, utilization, management and conservation of the environment and natural resources; and protect genetic resources, biological diversity; eliminate processes and activities that are likely to endanger the environment.

Hon. Speaker, Cognizant that energy is the life and pulse of any society and the well-being of people and economy depend on safe, secure, sustainable and affordable energy;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion, that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources on Study tour to Malaysia.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisini, Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**STATEMENT**

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**Hon. Speaker:** Under this we have one business by Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met today, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to review business balloted for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and ballot business for the week of 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151. The Committee balloted business as follows:

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019  
*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*  
Report of Budget and Appropriation Committee---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order by Hon. Kamitu.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**  
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am on point of Order under Standing Order 27 to request extension of the time.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 27(2) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning sitting;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time; Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires motion to extend time to be moved at least 30 minutes before the time appointed of adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that the House resolves to extend its sitting time until the business is over.

I call upon Hon. Ndawa to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa, neighbor comes in handy; immediate door neighbor.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would wish to second the motion since the business ahead of us is very crucial and urgent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** The House would decide to extend time? It goes without saying. Okay, so the sitting will be extended on the approval of the House. You may proceed, Hon. Majority Leader.

*(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)*

**Hon. Muendo:** Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I am also in support of that motion. Let me start from the beginning if you may allow;

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met today, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to review business balloted for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and ballot business for the week of 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151. The Committee balloted business as follows:

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019  
*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on first Supplementary Budget estimates for 2019/2020 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on first Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2019/2020 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee; continuation of debate.

The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2019: Second Reading, Committee of the whole House and Third Reading by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

Report of Youth, Women, Sports and PWDs Committee on PWDs' Stakeholder Forum hosted by Andy Kenya by Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu, Chairperson.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

Report of educational tour to Malaysia by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Environment Committee.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

Report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on the Status of Village Administrators by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Mr. Clerk proceed

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

SHORTENING THE TIME FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY  
SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL NO.6 OF 2019 FROM SEVEN DAYS AS STATED IN  
STANDING ORDER 116 TO FOUR DAYS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is business on a procedural motion; the mover is Hon. Mark Muendo, Majority Leader.

**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 a Supplementary Budget for 2019/2020 to the Assembly for approval;

Noting that the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No. 6 of 2019 was published on 15th November, 2019 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 22nd November, 2019;

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 No.6 of 2019 from seven days as stated in Standing Order 116 to four days to ensure the bill is approved in time.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Kamitu to second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Minority Leader.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Members, you are aware on what the motion is seeking; do you approve that we shorten the period because 22<sup>nd</sup> is Friday and we don't sit on Friday and we also don't sit on Thursday so it passed by an acclamation of the House. Thank you, so the motion is resolved as requested in the motion.

*(Applause)*

*(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members we have one business by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

### **MOTION**

#### **REPORT OF MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2019**

**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 the Machakos County Supplementary Budget 2019, was received on 9th October, 2019 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 move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation committee on the Machakos County Supplementary Budget 2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Angela Munyasya to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Angela Munyasya, thank you Hon. Dominic

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

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Ndambuki, proceed.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Madam Speaker, I am going to read the report of Budget and Appropriations committee on the FY 2019/20 first supplementary budget.

Madam Speaker, the FY 2019/20 supplementary budget was received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 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 FY 2019/20 supplementary budget therefore seeks to amend the original FY 2019/20 Appropriation Act. This will be a remedy to challenges by unforeseeable circumstances that occurred due to the disputed County Allocation of Revenue Act 2019. The adjustments made in the first supplementary budget 2019 include,

1. Balance brought forward of Ksh. 1,884,439,818.95
2. Revised division of revenue that reduced the equitable share from Ksh. 8,321,000,000 to Ksh. 7,754,250,000.
3. Revision of own source revenue from Ksh. 2.2 billion to Ksh. 1,608,576,900.

Madam Speaker, the Budget and Appropriation 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.'

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.

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

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| 1. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki | Chairman         |
| 2. Hon. Angela Munyasya  | Vice Chairperson |
| 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     | “                |



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

1. Accommodate revised Division of Revenue Act 2019 amendments that were not captured in the approved Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget. This is in line with sections 132(3) and 135(6) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.
2. Accommodate the balance brought forward of Ksh. 1,884,439,819 from FY2018/2019 budget.
3. To fund ongoing projects.
4. To accommodate conditional grants as reviewed from the national government.

Madam Speaker, the supplementary budget is to be funded from the following revenue sources, Equitable share Ksh. 9,199,196,587, Grants Ksh. 2,683,596,674 and Own Source Revenue Ksh. 1,608,576,900 totaling to Ksh. 13,491,370,161. Madam Speaker, to achieve the above objectives the County Treasury has proposed changes to expenditure framework of the County Departments as follows:

### ***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 CEC finance proposed that a creation of a vote line to fund purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43,276,000 which will be funded from internal reallocations in recurrent expenditure within the office of the Governor. The committee recommends the creation of the vote line for purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43,276,000 for the County Assembly.

### ***Department of Public Service, Labor and ICT***

Madam Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Public Service, Labor and ICT was Ksh. 520,796,105.14 which constituted of Ksh. 11,765,400 for development and Ksh. 509,030,705.14 for recurrent. The department is seeking to increase the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 639,330,043 to Ksh 1,148,360,748 which is an effect of Program1: General Administration and Support Service; Basic salaries- permanent and others to increase by Ksh. 395,599,763, Communication Supplies a reduction by Ksh. 9.9 million, reduction of Insurance costs by Ksh 9.45 million, loan fund reduction by Ksh 45million, gratuity to contracted staff increment by Ksh 295.2 million.

Programme 2 on quality management a decrease by Ksh 2.35million, Program 3 training research and Development increase by Ksh 15.6 million for donor funds (KDSP). The committee notes that salary adjustments for other departments have been lumped together in this department.

Madam Speaker, under development, the CEC-finance seeks to increase the budget by Ksh. 21,686,424 for purchase of ICT infrastructure increasing the development budget to Ksh. 33,633,824

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 509,030,705.14 to Ksh. 783,571,383 being the effect of Program1: General Administration and Support Service, increase by Ksh. 261,618,851; Program2: quality management a reduction by Ksh. 2,350,000; Program3 on training and research development to accommodate donor funds amounting to Ksh. 15,559,027; under Program5 a decrease on ICT infrastructure by Ksh. 287,200:

The committee further recommends that development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 11,765,400 to Ksh. 33,633,824.

### ***Department of Trade Economic Planning and Industrialization***

Madam Speaker, the department of Trade, economic planning and industrialization had an approved budget of Ksh. 389,004,874 which constituted of Ksh. 133,303,750 for development and Ksh. 255,701,127 for recurrent. The department is seeking to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh 15,442,296 which is an effect of increase under Program1 on trade shows and exhibition by Ksh. 2,000,000; decrease in insurance costs by 4,521,311; increase under program2 on trades shows and exhibitions by Ksh. 1,679,107; reduction under program6 on legal fees arbitration and compensation payment by Ksh. 47,000,000; increase under program6 other operating expenses by Ksh. 63,754,500 and decrease under program7 on sanitation management by Ksh. 470,000 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 273,143,420.

Madam Speaker, under the departments development expenditure the treasury seeks to increase the budget by Ksh. 10,245,664 being the effect of decrease under program1 administration and support services by Ksh. 700,000; reduction on funds for construction of Bodaboda, Juakali sheds, Handcraft and modern Kiosks by Ksh. 10,000,000; reduction on funds for construction of industrial park by Ksh. 19,254,336; decrease under program4 on funds to Machakos investment bond by Ksh. 1,400,000 in allocation from the previous year unspent funds. Increase under program3 on trade development- construction of market sheds by Ksh. 17,800,000; increase in office block and public toilets construction by Ksh. 20,100,000; increase in allocation for BodaBoda and Juakali sheds by Ksh. 3,700,000 resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 143,549,414.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 255,701,124 to Ksh. 290,992,620 and further recommends that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 133,303,750 to Ksh. 143,549,414.

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

Madam Speaker, in the department of Decentralized Units, County Administration, Environment and Solid Waste Management the approved budget was Ksh. 483,705,149 which constituted of Ksh. 8,100,000 for development and Ksh. 95,605,149 for recurrent expenditure. The department seeks to reduce recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 111,962,307 which is an effect of Program1: General Administration and Support Services; Ksh. 13,572,038; reduction in program2 on Civic engagement by Ksh. 89,073,260 reduction in program3 on administration and coordination services by Ksh. 2,548,180 reduction in program4 on solid waste management by Ksh. 1,805,500; reduction in program5 on Forensic and inspectorate services by Ksh. 3,045,175 reduction in program7 on inspectorate management by Ksh. 1,918,155 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 281,642,84.

Madam Speaker, the department proposes to decrease development expenditure by Ksh. 20,721,975 which is an effect of reduction in program1 on construction and renovation of ward office by Ksh. 12,984,000; reduction under Program4 on purchase of shovels, recks, spades and wheelbarrows by Ksh. 268,987; reduction under program5 on construction of inspectorate headquarters and forensics by Ksh. 2,400,000; reduction in purchase of inspectorate vehicle by Ksh. 2,188,988; reduction in Forensic Lab equipment by Ksh. 960,000; reduction under program6 on cleaning of EPZ drainage canal Ksh. 720,000; reduction on purchase of Musical

instruments for the inspectorate band Ksh. 1,200,000 resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 67,378,025.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 395,605,149 to Ksh. 310,793,642 and development budget be revised from Ksh. 88,100,000 to Ksh. 67,378,025.

### ***Department of Finance and Revenue Management***

Madam Speaker, in the department of Finance and Revenue Management the approved budget was Ksh. 645,900,462 which constituted of Ksh. 89,738,163 for development and Ksh. 556,162,299 for recurrent. The CEC finance proposes a reduction of Ksh. 75,500,000 from the Emergency Fund to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 480,662,299. The committee notes that the reduction reduces the emergency Fund from Ksh. 83,725,205 to Ksh. 6,725,205. The committee notes that it is prudent to have an Emergency Fund kit for the county and the executive need to budget for this fund in subsequent Budget.

The committee recommends that the recurrent budget of the department be revised from Ksh. 556,162,299 to Ksh. 480,662,299 and further that development budget be Ksh. 89,738,163.

### ***Department of Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources***

Madam Speaker, the department of Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources had an approved budget of Ksh. 622,940,551 which constituted of Ksh. 122,720,525 for recurrent and Ksh. 500,220,026 for development. The department is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 9,857,466 which is an effect of Program1: decrease in Utilities supplies and services by Ksh. 9,857,466 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 112,863,059

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to increase the development expenditure by Ksh. 224,960,151 which is an effect of Program1: elevated steel tanks reduction by 6,000,000; reduction in new boreholes by Ksh. 7,133,242; decrease in purchase of specialized plant Ksh. 5,656,607; increase in construction of Dams and water pans by Ksh. 211,750,000. The CEC finance proposes an allocation of 32,000,000 from the department of Public Service ICT and Labor under Program1 unspent balances in recurrent expenditure, to cater for construction of weirs, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 725,180,177.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 122,720,525 to Ksh. 112,863,059. The committee further recommends that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 500,220,026 to Ksh. 725,180,177.

### ***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. 737,975,010 which constituted of Ksh. 383,449,083 for recurrent and Ksh. 354,525,927 for development. The department is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 13,944,048; which is an effect of increase in Program1 by Ksh. 3,713,513; decrease in program2 by Ksh. 7,016,044; decrease in Program3 by Ksh. 2,750,829; decrease in program4; fisheries development by Ksh. 1,288,178; decrease in Program5 on veterinary services by Ksh. 2,428,351; decrease in Program6 on agriculture training centre by Ksh. 2,214,776; decrease in Program 7 on cooperative development and marketing by Ksh. 2,000,000; increase in Program11 on fuel and lubricants by Ksh. 81,232;

decrease in Program12 on audit support services(fuel and lubricants) by Ksh. 40,616 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 369,505,035.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to increase the development expenditure by Ksh. 8,239,859 which is an effect of Program1: increase in World Bank grants by Ksh. 38,525,536; increase in Program2 on allocation on green houses and tractors by Ksh. 18,314,660; decrease in acquisition of strategic stocks by Ksh. 12,000,000; reduction in program3 development of hatcheries and beehives by Ksh. 30,000,000; decrease in veterinary services by Ksh. 10,503,394; increase in program7 on cooperative development by Ksh. 3,903,057 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 362,765,786.

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. 10,000,000 for purchase and distribution of Chicks and that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 354,525,927 to Ksh. 362,765,786.

### ***Department of Health and Emergency Services***

Madam Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Health and Emergency Services was Ksh. 3,954,764,283 constituting of development expenditure of Ksh. 586,173,909 and Ksh 3,368,590,374 for recurrent. The CEC is proposing an increase in recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 26,921,898 which is an effect in Program1: Current transfers and grants (UHC) Ksh. 92,681,087, Program 2: a decrease in medical specialized drugs by Ksh. 159,737,223, increase of Other recurrent transfers and grants (Level V conditional grants) Ksh. 93,978,035. Resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 3,395,512,272.

The CEC proposes an increase in development budget by Ksh. 57,545,497 being an effect of reduction in program7: emergency services by Ksh. 2,791,616, Program8: increase in refurbishment of dispensaries Ksh. 60,337,113 resulting to a revised allocation of Ksh. 643,719,406.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the department be increased from Ksh. 3,368,590,374 to Ksh. 3,395,512,272. The committee further recommends that development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 586,173,909 to Ksh. 643,719,406.

### ***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. 1,566,365,534 which constituted of Ksh 202,268,477 for recurrent and Ksh. 1,364,097,057 for development. The department is seeking to reduce recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 21,716,526 which is an effect of decrease on rental of produced assets at 1,000,000, routine maintenance and other assets by 2,000,000 and Insurance costs by 18,716,526 resulting to a revised allocation of Ksh. 180,551,951.

The department also seeks to increase the development expenditure by Ksh. 149,959,938 which is an effect of increase under program 2 on Road development and management by Ksh. 100,736,490, and an increase under program3 on County government buildings services by Ksh. 49,223,448 resulting to a revised allocation of Ksh. 1,514,560,995.

Madam Speaker, members observed that there was reduction in expenditure on construction of rural roads due to the adjusted County Allocation of Revenue Act 2019. The committee recommends that the reduction in expenditure on rural access roads should not affect ward projects as budgeted.

Madam Speaker, during the financial year 2019/20 budget estimates passed in June 2019 the house approved a budget of Ksh. 455,050,000 for rural roads. This figure comprised of Ksh. 305,050,000 for ward projects and Ksh. 150,000,000 for the executive rural projects. In this proposed first supplementary budget Ksh. 303,000,000 has been removed from this vote head (rural roads) and reallocated to major dams (under dept. of water). The effect of this is a reduction to Ksh. 251,656,730 in 2019/20 projects. The CEC finance noted that the same will be funded in a subsequent supplementary budget.

Madam Speaker, members observed that the department had allocated Ksh. 80,000,000 for refined Fuels, Oils and Lubricants. The committee recommends that Ksh. 40,000,000 be allocated for rural access roads with each ward allocated a fuel card of Ksh. 1,000,000. The committee notes that each department has budgeted for Fuel under recurrent expenditure. Therefore the committee recommends that each department to rely on their allocated budget for fuel under the recurrent and fuel funds budgeted for, under Transport Department in the development budget be spend only on development projects as recommended above.

Madam Speaker the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing be reduced from Ksh. 202,268,477 to Ksh.180,551,951. The committee further recommends that development expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 1,364,097,057 to Ksh. 1,257,786,139.

#### ***Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare***

The Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare had an approved budget of Ksh. 468,459, 737 which constituted of Ksh.158, 543, 289 on development and Ksh. 309,916,439 recurrent expenditures. The department is proposing to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 50,416,859. An increase under program1 on Bursaries by Ksh. 110,000,00 which is an effect of decrease under Program2 on ECDE support program by Ksh. 59,583,141 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 360,333,298.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to increase development expenditure by Ksh. 50,164,942 being the effect of increase under program1 on construction of ECDE centers by Ksh. 35,726,717; increase under program3 on conditional grants for rehabilitation of youth polytechnics by Ksh. 6,338,225; increase on construction of youth polytechnics by Ksh. 8,100,000 resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 208,708,240. The budget for bursaries remain as budgeted.

Madam Speaker the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 309,916,439 to Ksh. 360,333,298 and further recommends that development expenditure be increased from Ksh. 158, 543, 298 to Ksh. 233,981,523.

#### ***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. 1,273,168,565 which constituted of Ksh. 1,152,661,700 for development and Ksh 120,506,865 for recurrent.

Madam Speaker, the CECM Finance is seeking to reduce the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 14,232,649 by reduction under Program1, headquarters administrative services Ksh. 9,410,508; decrease under program2 on housing and urban development by Ksh. 4,629,000; decrease in program3 on Energy and Natural Resources by Ksh. 285,140 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 106,182,216.

Madam Speaker, the CECM Finance is seeking to reduce development expenditure by Ksh. 26,138,355 being the effect of decrease under program2 on physical planning and

development by Ksh. 21,598,355; decrease under program3 on County electrification by Ksh. 4,540,000 resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 1,126,523,345.

Madam Speaker, the committee **recommends** that the recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 120,506,865 to Ksh. 160,182,216 and further recommend that development expenditure be revised from Ksh. 1,152,661,700 to Ksh. 1,136,523,345.

### ***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. 233,897,125 which constituted of Ksh. 130,000,000 on development and Ksh. 103,897,125 on recurrent expenditure. The County Treasury is seeking to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 10,890,055 which is an effect of program1: a decrease in Administration and Support Service by Ksh 3,035,878; increase in program4 on People's Park by Ksh. 10,000,000; increase in program5 on Machawood by Ksh. 1,000,000; increase in program6 on County beautification by Ksh. 500,000; increase in program7 on youth and Sports (fuel and lubricants) by Ksh. 400,000; other current transfers Ksh. 2,025,933; decrease on KICOSCA by Ksh. 9,974,067; increase on Kenyatta Stadium by Ksh. 5,000,000; increase on Machakos United by Ksh. 7,000,000 resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 110,761,247.

Madam Speaker, the department is seeking to increase development expenditure by Ksh. 76,422,738 which is an effect of Program4: Management of Recreational facilities, (Masinga Park) by Ksh. 24,000,000; increase in program5 Talent management (purchase of recording equipment) by Ksh. 8,000,000; increase in program7 on Construction of stadiums by Ksh. 44,422,738 resulting to a revised development budget allocation of Ksh. 206,422,738. The committee observed that there was an arithmetic error of Ksh 4,025,933 causing a budget deficit hence the need for the committee to correct. The committee corrected the error to balance the supplementary budget.

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 103,897,125 to Ksh. 141,461,247 and further recommends that development expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 130,000,000 to Ksh. 206,422,738.

### ***County Public Service Board***

Madam Speaker, the County Public Service Board had an approved budget of Ksh. 69,009,725 which constituted of Ksh. 10,000,000 on development and Ksh. 59,009,725 on recurrent. The department is seeking to decrease the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 3,668,683 which is an effect of decrease in allocation for administrative service making the total allocation to Ksh. 55,341,042. The department proposes to decrease development expenditure on non-residential building by Ksh. 2,352,097 to a revised estimate of Ksh. 7,647,903.

Madam Speaker the Committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the County Public Service Board be reduced from Ksh. 59,009,725 to Ksh. 55,341,042. The committee further recommends that the development expenditure be reduced from Ksh. 10,000,000 to Ksh. 7,647,903 as proposed.

### ***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 budget from Ksh. 12,822,260,775 to Ksh. 13,491,370,161. A further analysis shows that the recurrent expenditure will increase by Ksh. 254,912,173 while development expenditure will increase by Ksh. 414,197,213. This translates to recurrent expenditure of 60 per cent and development expenditure of 40 per cent. Compensation to employees stands at Ksh. 4,721,979,557 translating to 35 per cent of the total revenue in compliance with the PFM Act 2012. 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 Appropriation committee, the expenditure framework shall be Ksh. 5,385,748,743 (40 per cent) development, Recurrent Ksh. 8,105,621,418 (60 per cent) and Compensation to Employees shall be Ksh. 4,721,979,557 translating to 35 per cent of the total revenue.

### ***Other Observations and Recommendations***

Madam Speaker, the committee observed that:

1. Salary increments have taken the centre stage in most departments' reallocations. In determining these increments the committee considered the originally proposed salaries by the executive in the original budget submission for FY2019/20 which the committee had previously adjusted downwards to settle at 35 per cent as stipulate in regulation No. 25 of the PFM regulations act. The committee recommends that increase in salaries should not be introduced after the Fiscal year budget to ensure checks on wage bill and to adhere to PFM act.
2. Most reallocations have been effected from the unspent FY 2018/19 balance brought forward of Ksh. 1,884,439,819 as the source of funding the supplementary Budget. The proposed revenue for the County has further been revised 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 ballooning wage bill. The committee seeks to engage the executive in the future to address the matter.
3. In the previous years the Government has had balances carried forward. These amounts have to be budgeted for in the successive budgets. This is in line with Section 136 of the PFM Act which stipulates that an appropriation which has not been spent lapses immediately at the end of that financial year. The committee noted that development funds that remained unspent at the end of the fiscal year 2018/19 were reallocated to recurrent expenditure and a small percentage to development expenditure. This is a growing trend from the previous years which seems to be sacrificing development projects of the County thereby increasing recurrent expenditure. The committee recommends that any unspent balances brought forward after the close of the year should be reallocated to development projects since recurrent expenditures are already covered in the budgetary allocations of the fiscal year.
4. Many new projects have been introduced in the supplementary. The law allows such new projects to be unforeseen at the time of FY budgeting or unavoidable in nature which is not the case in the supplementary. The committee recommends that in future the County

treasury adheres to the approved fiscal year budget and also the principles and financial objectives set out in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

5. 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. The committee therefore recommends to this Hon. Assembly to approve the reallocations.
6. The Supplementary Funding proposals exceeded the County fiscal strategy paper ceilings approved by this Hon. Assembly. This happened because there were balances carried forward from the previous fiscal year and additional Conditional Grants which were included in the amended CARA FY2019/20. Section 136 of the PFM Act stipulates that any unspent money at the end of the financial year lapses immediately at the end of the year and is transferred to the County Revenue Fund (CRF) account at Central Bank of Kenya (CBK). The committee therefore recommends the monies to be appropriated in the FY 2019/20 Supplementary budget.
7. The committee notes that though the bursary fund is operational, absorption rate is low and the CO Finance and CO Education should ensure absorption of funds by the intended beneficiaries is improved.
8. The committee was not provided with up to date expenditure reviews and IFMIS vote book to ascertain the need for reallocations in the departments. The committee recommends that the County Treasury adheres to Article 183 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya that provides that the County Executive Committee shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County.
9. The committee has noted that there is no provision for pending bills and the committee recommends that an allocation be done by each department to cater for pending bills and in line with treasury guidelines.

### ***Conclusion***

Madam Speaker, the approval of the FY 2019/20 Supplementary budget shall increase 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.

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 First Supplementary Budget before this Hon. Assembly for consideration and approval. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, I now invite you to debate the motion. Hon. Johanna.



**Hon. Munyao:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to stand in support of this report given that as stated on page five that the objective of this supplementary budget is to address very key issues; one being funding of the ongoing projects which we submitted as the Assembly to cater for our people in the various wards and also accommodate conditional grants as reviewed from the National government.

Madam Speaker I have looked at the various adjustments in the various departments and I would like particularly to applaud the committee for considering the rural roads which have become a menace in our wards and allocating one million shillings for fuel in support of the grading program in our wards.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I have also noted that there have always consideration especially in the allocation of bursaries and construction of ECD classes and this is also an area which has been key to our people. On department of water Irrigation and Natural resources where water is a right to our people, I would like to applaud the committee for giving consideration especially on the water projects which have not fully been completed and ensuring that we have some increases especially on the construction of dams, water pans and also the boreholes.

Madam Speaker, we wish also to empower our people by allocating projects to our people and making sure that we don't deny the people who support the government and our people who are out to create employment to our youths by giving projects to them and ensuring that our youth are taken care of in terms of being engaged in the various projects in our wards.

Madam Speaker, I wish to applaud the need to pay the pending bills; that has been an area of concern which has also been given as a condition from the higher government. I have seen on page 20 that the committee noted that there is no provision for pending bills and the committee recommends that an allocation be done by each department to cater for the pending bills and in line with the treasury guidelines.

So I fully support this report. It is a nice report and I wish to say; even the Chair, the reading of the report was very smooth and very encouraging. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Johanna. Hon. Mulatya, Majority Party Whip.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First I would like to applaud the committee for a job well done, but I have some few concerns which I would like to raise in this Hon. House. When we come to page 12, I have seen they have given a recommendation there whereby the recurrent has been increased and I don't see why they---

**Hon. Speaker:** Recurrent for which department?

**Hon. Mulatya:** I think it is for Health and Emergency services. There was an increment from Ksh. 3,368,590 to Ksh. 3,395,512,272. So I don't know why they should increase a recurrent instead of development.

**Hon. Speaker:** Development there is also increased.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes but I am talking on part of the recurrent. If for example I tell you in my house I spend 20,000, why should you give me 30,000. That is my own thinking and I stand to be corrected at the same time.

**Hon. Museku:** Maybe Madam Speaker we could correct that almost immediately?

**Hon. Speaker:** Right away.

**Hon. Mulatya:** I wish to be corrected also.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Museku you can.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is an observation which he has noted. If you look at what the committee has written right at the top of page 12 is at Ksh. 268,921,898 which is an effect of program one, current transfers and grants under the universal Health Care. So, once we are given grants and funds under the Universal Health Care, then we have to increase because that has to go under recurrent expenditure. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** So, what you are saying Mheshimiwa Museku you are addressing a grant under UHC?

**Hon. Museku:** Absolutely.

**Hon. Speaker:** And that is how the increment appeared.

**Hon. Museku:** Has come as a result. Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Because every cent must be accounted for budgeting processes.

**Hon. Museku:** Correct.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mulatya are you now satisfied? Are you in the light?

**Hon. Mulatya:** I am kind of in the light but why not the development? Anyway, let me leave that one.

**Hon. Speaker:** Go ahead, make your views.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Let me leave that one. When we come to the Department of Roads and Transport, I think this is where all the Hon. Members are really interested.

**Hon. Speaker:** Page?

**Hon. Mulatya:** 13. I would also like to appreciate that they have also taken some money from this Department and directed to Water Department like Ksh. 303 million which is really commendable because water is the main challenge especially where I come from. So, I would like to thank them for this. Now the problem comes now to the access roads on the same page. I

remember when we were at *Bunge Mashinani* in Ndithini, we passed a Motion asking the Department of Transport and Roads to contract instead of using our own County equipment.

Madam Speaker, I will state that use of this County Equipment has been a total failure. We can see all these equipment have stalled for over four to five months. Like recently they have risen up a little bit like a week now they are saying there is no fuel again. So, I do not know how we can urge the Department of roads to contract these roads because like in my area, if we contract someone and we give the contractor Ksh. 1 million, I think all access roads will be done. So, that is another observation I was trying to check there.

Then, as I was doing my own introduction, I said I come from Masinga Central and when we come to this Department of Tourism and Culture and Sports, when you come to page 16, there say, the Department is seeking to increase development expenditure by Ksh. 76,422,738 which is an effect of program four, management of recreation facilities, Masinga Park. I come from this area, I represent this area and I am not aware of anything by the name a recreational Center called Masinga Park. I am not aware and then it has been allocated Ksh. 24 million so we also need a clarification on this one because there is totally no Masinga Park in my area. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Than you, Hon. Mulatya. Hon. Ngunga.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My name is Hon. Francis Ngunga, the second Majority Leader of this House and the immediate former Majority Leader.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** How many Majority Leaders do we have in the House? It is just one.

**Hon. Ngunga:** I have indicated Madam Speaker, the immediate former Majority Leader.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, immediate former.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** But I thought you said that you are the second Majority Leader?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Ngunga:** Madam Speaker, I rise to support the Motion that has been brought by---

**Hon. Speaker:** Go ahead. I just want it to be on record that we have only one Majority Leader in this House.

**Hon. Ngunga:** It is true Madam Speaker but records are there that I was the second Majority Leader of this House. This record stands---

**Hon. Speaker:** That stand is not in dispute.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Of course. So, titles never cease

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** They do. History will never change so go ahead---

**Hon. Ngunga:** History never changes and Madam Speaker, I think I should be addressed as such; that is very important.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Former?

**Hon. Ngunga:** I think I am one of the fathers of this Assembly---

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ngunga order! Submit, contribute.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, Madam Speaker, I want to add my voice to what the Hon. Members are saying but I want to go to page 21 and raise an issue with what the Committee said, that the Committee was not provided with the up to date expenditure reviews and especially vote book. Now, Madam Speaker, in the absence of the IFMIS vote book, that becomes a little challenge and it is my wish and probably my prayer to the committee in future to insist that this IFMIS vote book is provided to them because this is the only way that we can be able to get to know the expenditure that has been there.

One of the things that Hon. Johana has come up with, is about the pending bills. The House will not be able to see how much pending bills that are there. If Madam Speaker you have been keen today and you have seen today's paper---

**Hon. Speaker:** I am always very keen.

**Hon. Ngunga:** You have read today's paper---

**Hon. Speaker:** I have also read the press release

**Hon. Ngunga:** Yes. There is a release indicating that, Machakos County is not going to be getting there funding as from 1st of December.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of information Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information on that? Let us hear from the Government side. Hon. Minority Leader.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to give a point of information. My point of information is that and it can also be confirmed after this, that I was

called by the Deputy Governor, who is also the Minister for Finance and that, the Machakos, County---

**Hon. Speaker:** As the CEC?

**Hon. Kamitu:** He is the CEC, Finance and also the Deputy Governor of Machakos County. And it is very official because he told me that he was engaging the Minister for finance in relationship to what appeared in today's newspaper that Machakos County and it can also be confirmed by our Chair for Budget, had already paid Ksh. 148 million for pending bills and the negotiations were that Machakos County should be removed from that list and there was a full explanation for that and that is my point of information to this Hon. House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, what Hon. Minority Leader is saying is that, the County Government of Machakos has challenged that report?

**Hon. Kamitu:** Yes, those are the rightful words you have put. That is exactly what has happened.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. Let us go on. Hon. Ngunga, you were on your feet.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you, leader of Government business for that information. Let it be known that, that still remains as it is but is something that is worthy our attention because if was brought up to the public it still remains in the public domain, something must be done. Otherwise, this budget will collapse because assuming that the funds are not flowing this way and the bills are going to be deducted from the treasury, then we are going to have all these votes here going to the drain.

My concern, Madam Speaker, is on the emergency funds. I have heard the Chairman, Budget saying, that this budget does not provide for the two percent that is mandatory requirement by the Public Finance Act. In case, Madam Speaker, now for example the rains are on, we have the Motion about the stalk borer and we have quite a number of Motions that are coming around in the House here and here we are as a House and we have not provided for the two percent emergency funds.

So, Madam Speaker, this budget therefore should look at the way of addressing the two percent budgetary allocation which is also mandatory in the Finance Act. So, Madam Speaker, mine is to say that, it is a good budget, I want to approve it but also ask the budget committee to ensure to it that we have at least a provision for the emergency funds. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I think Hon. Members, the issue of emergency fund, maybe a Member of the Budget Committee may need to address us on that. Yes because a number of us have got stuck on the roads and calling at night to be rescued and it can only be from the emergency fund. Hon. Ndambuki.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I arise to clear on two issues, one matter that has been raised by Hon. Francis Ngunga about the emergency fund, the allocation given by law is five percent of the total budget.

**Hon. Speaker:** Is it five percent, is it two percent. Table clerks you have the PFM Act with you. We can be confirming as you go on.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** We had made allocations in last financial year's budget, Fiscal Year 2018/2019, some funds that were not utilized. When we enquired with the CEC, Finance, they said that the Cabinet had not come up with a policy document providing guidance on how the funds will be utilized---

**Hon. Speaker:** Emergency funds?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Yes. So, that is the position.

**Hon. Speaker:** Are we not seating on a time bomb? Hon. Museku.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** We do not have emergency fund? That is very worrying.

**Hon. Museku:** That is what I wanted to iron on what the Chair is saying that any fund has to be managed by regulations. There has to be regulations which can authorize that fund to become effected. We do have a vote head with us here in our budget called emergency kitty fund but we do not have regulations which give guidelines as to how withdrawals should be made from that emergency kitty fund.

So, what we had requested is that for the Executive to quickly go ahead and come out with proposals or resolutions to before this House, regulations which we can be able to discuss and approve on operationalizing the emergency kitty and any other kitty which they might be having with them. For example if you look at the bursary kitty, it has its own bursary regulation fund 2015 which is in place and that is what they follow when they are implementing the bursary and that is what we corrected here through the Chair.

So, for emergency kitty, that has to be done. I believe the thinking behind their removing this time round is that if you do not have regulations which are in place for it and you put funds there, then you might not be able to access those funds to utilize them.

So, I believe that should be the reason why maybe they removed it during this first supplementary but it is up to this House to ensure that those regulations are speeded up and we are able to put them in place so that when we are doing the next supplementary budget which is going to come early next year, we make sure we make provisions for us to have an emergency kitty in place because it is not fair for a County as the budget committee has noted, it is not prudent at all for us to be sitting without money or funds for emergency. It is not prudent at all and I think the budget committee has highlighted that in his report clearly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Mheshimiwa Museku. There is a lot of provision on emergency fund. In the PFM Act and those many details shows the importance of such a fund but we do not have it. Which committee is supposed to deal with this issue? Budget?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Madam Speaker, I may not be very sure about the committee that is vested with---

**Hon. Speaker:** It is about planning. Is it not? Hon. Kieti is it about planning? Which Committee, Table Clerk? There is also committee of health and emergencies?

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Ngunga:** Devolution.

**Hon. Speaker:** Devolution then another one is Health and Emergency but I am being told it involves budget so it should be committee on Budget and Appropriation. What I am suggesting, this is just a discussion within a discussion, that Hon. Dominic, you need to take this one very urgently with the CEC, Finance and I think we may need to take the discussion further outside of today's discussion. So, make a way of moving this House to discuss the issue of the emergency fund outside of this House. Make a way, you know how to do it.

*(Applause)*

That should come next week. Whether you want a Motion, you want a Statement whichever way to move this House to discuss the matter. So, now we continue with contributions on the matter that is on the table. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The supplementary budget is good especially when you go to the areas of development but I think I still maybe need to have some observation whereby we have the issue of wage bill Madam Speaker. It is always good when the Assembly talks of the wage bill we be keen on some of the things that are coming and on that aspect I would want to refer the House to the Department of Tourism whereby we have Tourism, Culture, Sports and Cooperative Development---

**Hon. Speaker:** That is page?

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Page 15. Whereby the Department had approved a budget of Ksh. 233 million which constituted of Ksh. 130 million on development and Ksh. 103 million on recurrent expenditure. The County Treasury is requesting for Ksh. 10 million to be increased as recurrent expenditure but when you go to the next page, in our Committee's recommendation, which is the next page that is page 16, you will find that the department be revised from Ksh. 103 million that is the recurrent to Ksh. 141 million. To my understanding, it is that there is some Ksh. 30 million that is going to recurrent expenditure and I do not think we have some grants on culture. So, maybe the Chairman or the committee can as well expound on that.

Madam Speaker, I would again want also to handle some input on the same because we have had our initial budget that we passed in July this year, where we still had a similar increments especially on recurrent whereby in the Department of Finance the executive had

requested for Ksh. 505 million that is recurrent but the committee recommendations had recommended Ksh. 556 million.

That is a difference of around Ksh. 55 million, we had again Department of public Service, Labor and ICT whereby and if you allow me to read that one, the total proposed budget for the Department amounted to Ksh. 467 million constituting of Ksh. 455 million for recurrent and Ksh. 11 million for development.

The committee recommends a total of Ksh. 520 million comprising of Ksh. 509 million for recurrent and Ksh. 11 million for development. In that aspect you will find that, another Ksh. 47 million was added also in recurrent expenditure when we are looking for money and also we are talking about the wage bill, it is good also for us to be keen on that and make sure that we are not adding money on recurrent whereby the executive is not even requesting us to give them, we give them and on the other side we start talking of wage bill that is ballooning. Otherwise I do support the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for granting me the opportunity also to contribute to this supplementary budget. Hon. Speaker, I have two issues to rise but before that I wish to thank the budget committee for the great job they have done and within a very short time. Hon. Speaker, earlier you made a communication about fiscal planning on 16 urban areas but under 2.11, Department of Lands, Urban Development, Energy and Natural Resources. Hon. Speaker, you note that, there is a reduction on development expenditure by Ksh. 26,138, 355 million being the effect of decrease under program two on fiscal planning.

I think this is a very big undoing on what you have communicated earlier because I believe this department would have wanted these funds to necessitate or else to facilitate on what we are intended to do. Also under the same program there is a decrease under program three on County electrification by Ksh. 4.54. I think this Hon. House earlier had given an indication that each Ward should benefit at least by one transformer and I believe this reduction might also affect that program so I do not know whether it is too late to seek corrections or we would need again to come up with another supplementary budget because this issue is directly affecting these programs.

Madam Speaker, again under the office of the Governor, I believe we are about to make a law and its binding. I need clarification on an issue and on an item I have noticed, whereby the CEC, Finance proposed that a creation of a vote line to fund purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43,276,000 which will be funded from internal reallocation in recurrent expenditure within the office of the Governor.

The committee recommends the creation of the vote line for purchase of motor vehicles amounting to Ksh. 43,276,000 for the County Assembly. I do not know whether it is an error, we are talking about the office of the Governor but the item is for the purchase for the County Assembly. I seek clarification because we are about to pass a law. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Museku, you wish to give the answer to the query?

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Maybe I just point out on a few of the items that rose. The one I start with right away is one for the motor vehicles. The County Assembly budget is normally coasted and what happened is that the Controller of Budget, the regulations



which were given was that purchase of motor vehicles is a recurrent expenditure item. So, it being a recurrent expenditure item means we cannot budget for it under development.

Recurrent expenditure is normally costed by CARA and they give us a fixed amount of money which we can be able to spend. If you are to spend that fixed amount which is already costed for salaries and wages, costed for allowances, costed for running of the County Assembly on vehicles, then you will be reducing on the amounts of funds which we can be able to utilize as an Assembly.

So, what happened is that, because that provision had not been made in the County Assembly budget, the County Assembly Service Board through the clerk and the executive and the Hon. Speaker agreed with the executive that since we are in dire need of vehicles in the County Assembly and we do not have a budget for it, they can be able to purchase vehicles under their recurrent expenditure but those vehicles for and on behalf of the County Assembly.

So, that is the reason why that vote head was created because we could not be able to buy vehicles under our coasted amounts of money and the executive agreed since their recurrent expenditure is not coasted, theirs is normally based on the allocations given from the equitable share and local revenue collection so that they can be able to accommodate the purchase of vehicles on our behalf and they wrote a letter and we have it with also the Budget committee for the creation of the new votes.....the implication of this is that, once this is approved the we expect the County Assembly within the next one or two months to be able to get vehicles to assist us in undertaking our jobs here.

The other thing I would like to talk about is on the issues of lands which you have mentioned, we also noted the same and actually that decrease of Ksh. 4 million you have seen there, originated from the executive, they are the ones who reduced their budget by Ksh. 4.5 million and when we sat down with them as a committee, they maintained that, that increment will not affect any of the other projects which they are doing.

So, that is not a decrease which has been effected by the budget committee but effected by the department itself and we queried it and that is the response we got. There is the issue of the increase of Ksh. 47 million which Hon. Steve Mwanthi has raised on that department and that is a provision for legal fees. We have seen there are no provisions being made so one of the recommendations which was there, was that we needed to make provisions for legal fees and we made an addition provision of Ksh. 47 million for clearance of outstanding legal fees. As you can see we do have several pending bills in various departments and that is one of the ones that we addressed.

The other thing is on the issue of Masinga Park which has been raised by the Hon. Member. This item is under a new program. It came and it is a development item if you look at it, it is not under recurrent, so it is up to the Hon. Member and the people of Masinga to ensure that, that program which has been budgeted for by the executive under Masinga Park is actualized because we have it as a program and a development. So, that Ksh. 24 million has been provided for under development by the executive, so if there is any issue to do with that maybe the Hon. Member, will need to get---

**Hon. Mulatya:** Point of order or clarification rather.

**Hon. Museku:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mulatya, you are being told that a Masinga Park will be done.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes but Madam Speaker, I think it is good to get the clarification since we have no dispute with the report. Actually we are in support of it but they are saying, if you come there after program four, they are saying management. So, that means this is something which is existence already.

**Hon. Speaker:** So, the word management pre supposes an existing---

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes, it is like something---

**Hon. Speaker:** That is English now. We go to the people who speak English.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Those who speak and teach English....management what does it mean? Other infrastructure and civil works, Masinga Park. Yes, I am being shown something here that when you talk of other infrastructure and civil works, Masinga Park, was it that the report captured the word “management” and I agree with Mheshimiwa Mulatya when you talk of management, it denotes something that is existing so then maybe we need to clarify on the record HANSARD that it is one that is going to come up. An infrastructure that is going to be done. That is the information we have.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Madam Speaker, I think instead of bringing some issues there, if you can allow me, we can just finish with the report then I can come up with a statement for them to tell us if it is existing or not from the Executive.

**Hon. Speaker:** I think Hon. Mulatya, it is clear that the information that we are getting from the committee is that it is a project that is going to be done. Is that not okay? In fact we will be very happy we should be going to retreat there and not in Nairobi anymore. Okay?

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** So, let us have---

**Hon. Museku:** Can I finish Madam Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, you were clarifying some things.

**Hon. Museku:** So, I think the correct position is what I have said that if you look at the actual detailed vote heads where the money is put, it has been put under civil works construction so that means it is a project and not a management issue and what I would request what the Hon. Member to do maybe good things are coming his way and he does not know, so he might need to get in touch with the executive and actually find out what are these good tidings which are coming to his area because they have been budgeted for, he should pick it up and run with it and ensure the project is executed in his Ares since funds have been provided for it.

The other item I think it is on the emergency fund we have noted and the issue of the vote book which was brought about by Hon. Ngunga. This time round the only reason why we have gone ahead as a budget committee without those balances is because the supplementary budget we are working on right now, has only had the first quarter expenditure and that first quarter expenditure keeping in mind that the President of this Country only ascended to the new regulations, to the new approval limits of KARA on 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

So, we said that it is just like we are dealing with old budget which we did in June because from June, July, August up to September when the President ascended to it, the expenditures which have gone through there might not affect directly on the supplementary budget we are doing but for the supplementary budget which will be done in February, coming year, then we will have half year expenditures having gone through and that way we must have the IFMIS vote head reports to be able to guide us on how we are going to make decisions affecting the second supplementary going forward. So, that was the reasoning of the budget committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, just something about the County vehicles being proposed to be purchased through the Executive, Hon. Museku has given an explanation but perhaps I can even make it clearer. In 2017/2018 supplementary budget and followed by 2018/2019 budget, the Assembly budgeted purchase of its vehicles through development and that from that time, the Controller of Budget's position was that you cannot buy vehicles under development vote unless that vehicle is for like a project, if you have a project you are doing and then you want a vehicle for that project because the vehicle and the project are one and the same.

I made very many visits to the office of the Controller of Budgets with the Clerk trying to plead with her to allow us to buy the vehicles under development because as *Mheshimiwa* Museku said, we cannot buy under our recurrent which is costed and there is a ceiling beyond which you cannot go. If you bring the money for development vehicles to the recurrent, the ceiling cannot accommodate. So, because we need vehicles and personally I do not even have a vehicle that is serviceable, I live in *mashambani* and the roads are bad and the vehicle I used to have had a problem with the steering rack, up to now it is still at the garage since August and I was forced to take a vehicle that is reserved for use by the leadership because the CASB decided the leadership of the Assembly and sometimes even the Members, we should have vehicles that are available at the pool.

So, I had to keep one and even that one is in bad shape, it is making a lot of noise as we move, I have been wondering if somebody was to listen the way your Speaker is traveling is a shame. Look at the way other Speakers, Makueni, Kitui and those are Counties travel. It is a shame at the point I am even thinking of using my own personal vehicles. So, what we did is we had an engagement with the Executive because as *Mheshimiwa* Museku said their ceiling, they do not have a ceiling on their recurrent that they buy these vehicles. And remember when the year passed, the money we had put under development for vehicles was just swept back to the county revenue fund.

So it is the same money which is of course being budgeted now we buy but under the Executive. And we made it clear that the registration must be in the name of the County Assembly because you do not want a situation where when I am on the highway, I am stopped by the Executive and told, bring this is our vehicle. So we are being careful and they are cooperating. That is how we decided that we address the issue so that is why you are seeing it under...it is a matter that was in CASB and the Budget committee is well informed about it. So

we continue with our contribution. Allow me to have Hon. Maitha; I will come to members, Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the committee for the great work they did more so over the weekends to make sure that these budget estimates come to the floor of this house Madam Speaker. When I look at page 10, Department of Water and Irrigation, Madam Speaker, I have a plea to the government.

We know the government has done major dams in Mwala and Masinga sub counties. It is my plea this time round the government does a major dam in Matungulu West ward where we have enough public land to accommodate a very huge dam. And in fact the land will not be---

**Hon. Mulatya:** Point of information

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mulatya.....Hon. Maitha, allow the information.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to inform the Hon. Member that there is no mega dam in Masinga Sub County by the County Government. Thank you, I hope you are informed.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, I am not informed because I visited Hon. Mkenya's area-

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**Hon. Speaker:** Who is Hon. Mkenya?

**Hon. Maitha:** I know Mkenya is in Yatta---

**Hon. Speaker:** Who is Hon. Mkenya?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Maitha:** Hon. Muli.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muli. Proceed Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, even though there are no major dams done by the government, there are natural dams in that area and therefore that is why I am requesting if possible to have some major dams in other areas like Matungulu sub county or even in Kathiani sub county.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mulatya, I have not given you permission. I think if I get Hon. Maitha, what he is saying is equitable distribution of resources. And I think we are all in agreement on equitable distribution of resources. Okay so let us go on.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, if he insists, let him transfer Masinga dam to Matungulu where I come from.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Maitha you are out of order. Can you withdraw the last part of your statement.

**Hon. Maitha:** I withdraw Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, when we go to roads it is true that the government has done some tarmacking in some wards. It is my wish that this time round the government of Machakos will also look into other areas like when Madam Speaker, I talk of disadvantaged areas we have some wards where it is ....and in fact like Koma location in my ward you cannot move I that area because of loom soil and therefore that is why I am asking this government time to do major roads in those areas 2which are disadvantaged by the soil structure, Madam Speaker.

Two, Madam Speaker, when we go to health we have given them some money and it is my belief that this time round they will finish the projects which were started in the first assembly like Kimiti health center there is a house for a clinical officer which has stood undone. Only iron sheets from the first assembly up to now and therefore I am requesting the government of Machakos to finish that building.

Madam Speaker, this committee considered that we get one million shillings for fuel levy each ward. Madam Speaker, I am requesting the government to do what we agreed as a committee. Let there be money for the graders when they are doing the grading of the roads to continue smoothly in all the wards with equal share of the fuel from the county government. Madam Speaker, I support this budget.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Ndawa.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** And what has been discussed we avoid repeating so that we bring in new issues on the report. Not only for Hon. Ndawa but for every Member. You notice we will need to break we go for lunch because we are coming back. There is still a lot of work which we will need to do. So Hon. Ndawa, proceed in brief.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be very brief; first of all I would like to congratulate the committee for coming up with an elaborate and very clear report. Madam Speaker, the committee has done commendable job in almost every department. We have seen some funds being reduced from this department and others being increased. That is commendable, Madam Speaker, the issue of fuel for grading I would have requested the committee if they could have done the same to the department of water so that every ward can have fuel for the dozers to do earth dams. I think that would have been very okay.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, is that the committee was very keen in other departments but it is shallow when it comes to County Assembly. I know there is a saying which says whoever does the issue of the dentists who remove people's teeth, they do not like when it

comes to their turn. You were very passionate on other departments but when it came to Assembly, you have given us a very shallow report. In fact it is only two sentences so I fail to understand.

Madam Speaker, in the Assembly we have recurrent and development. We have money for development. As of now, we are constructing ward offices in different wards and we are also intending to construct a chamber. Why is it that you are not telling us this financial year the money that we intend to do a chamber we are going to remove some few coins to cater for toilets because we are constructing an office and there is no provision for a toilet? When the members of public or the electorate come to visit the area Member of Assembly in the office, where are they supposed to go and relieve themselves? So Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Ndawa on that one, CASB saw that and there is no way you can have a public office or even private office without a toilet. So there is a provision for toilets in the ward offices.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Okay, thank you very much for that information Madam Speaker. I never had the information; I was worrying because my office is almost complete and I am worried because we are not intending to rent office in January---

**Hon. Speaker:** We will not come to open it unless there is a toilet.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Okay thank you very much Madam Speaker. I would wish and request the Hon. Members or the House this budget is the best. We have passed other budgets previous time but I think this one is the best that I have ever come up with. So I request on. Members let us not talk much let u pass this thing so that we can have things done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Cosmus be brief we agreed.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. To start with, I would like to throw my weight back to the emergency fund Madam Speaker. As we know currently we have a national strike affecting all clinical officers Madam Speaker, in the country, We made a visit to the level five where we had a talk with CEC health and both the clinical officers Madam Speaker, and we are made to understand that 95 percent of clinical officers is on strike in fact Madam Speaker, we are only having in place the clinical officers who are on probation and internship.

And so Madam Speaker, we are spending a lot of money paying some....where Madam Speaker, we are trying to know where they are getting these funds but they said they normally pay through the operations and maintenance money so Madam Speaker I want to believe the monies meant for that emergency is very key and Madam Speaker, it is good for the members to understand the national strike is affecting the whole nation and not Machakos alone and there are four issues Madam Speaker, which need to be addressed by the national government and I want to believe it will be done soonest.

Madam Speaker, my other concern is the ownership of the vehicles Madam Speaker, bearing in mind that they will be purchased by the Executive. I would like Madam Speaker, we know how the ownership will come as the County Assembly Madam Speaker, bearing in mind that there is the executive and the county assembly we have two organs Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, again I have noted that stressing the point by Hon. Moffat having Ksh. 211 Million Madam Speaker, for dams, our request is that we have some equity and make sure

that Madam Speaker, at least the dams are all over the county, not in specific wards. That will bring a lot of happiness Madam Speaker, on our faces. I wish the budget committee again would have told us how much we have for bursaries Madam Speaker, and now let members know we have spent this and we are expecting this amount by January. At least Madam Speaker, we will have to budget and know what is there for the same.

Madam Speaker, I have looked at the department of health and I have seen there is some Ksh. 159 million which was reduced from purchase of medical specialized drugs. Madam Speaker, maybe we could get some highlights bearing in mind that in health Madam Speaker, in many cases in our health facilities we run short of drugs. Madam Speaker, I wish we could have added the budget on the same and make sure our people Madam Speaker, the end result of going to the hospital is at least by the end of it at least get the drugs which are being prescribed by the doctors.

So Madam Speaker, again I do not know the method we will use to make sure the monies meant for each ward in the rural areas in terms of grading Madam Speaker, I do not know how we will be monitoring the one million per ward bearing in mind that Madam Speaker, the fueling is being done by the Executive so it is good Madam Speaker, to have a way to monitor the one million for each member to be knowing that at this given point Madam Speaker, I have spent this amount and I have a balance of this amount.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Cosmos, you have the powers to call for records and information as an Assembly, even a committee on Transport.

**Hon. Masesi:** Yes Madam Speaker...

**Hon. Speaker:** Do not say you don't know how it will be done you know.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish the chairman, Transport will come up with a method and make sure that we are on it every now and then. Otherwise Madam Speaker, I support fully the report and Madam Speaker, again we need to make sure our projects for the 15 million we need to make some movement and make sure we start this projects otherwise Madam Speaker, we are just some months to the lapsing of the year 2019/2020 and we are not sure that we will have the 15 million projects Madam Speaker, in place in due time otherwise thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members we will have...I can see more hands, Because of protocol allow me to assign that will be like the final Isn't it? Hon. Majority Leader, Hon. Minority leader, Hon. Kisila, Hon. Kisini, Hon. Mueni I have been seeing your hand up, Ho. Jeremiah, you are too many Hon. Museku. Hon. Mutiso, in that order.....very brief okay? Please remember the order then we will call the mover to reply so that we can go to the next stage.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me also...I will be brief since I have gone through the report let me say first I congratulate the committee of the work they did in a short time. They were spending most of the time with their weekend and Madam Speaker, this shows how committed the committee is to this House.

Let me say Madam Speaker, my area of concern is on the pending bills. Madam Speaker, we know our county well let us not say we are in good books. Madam Speaker, we know there is a lot of pending bills and I can see in the report there is no provision for pending bills which I

think Madam Speaker, although it was said by members who had talked before me, that National Treasury and national government in fact not even the notification which was given, it is a fact that they are not going to give money to any County Government which has not cleared the bills. This is a directive from His Excellency the President of this country.

Therefore Madam Speaker, I think this is a matter we need to revisit. The committee of budget should look at a way of seeing how it is going to revisit because if we are going to lose money because we have pending bills then Madam Speaker the County will suffer.

The other issue Madam Speaker, I will talk about is that the supplementary budget looks good but Madam Speaker, I would urge the House to be vigilant and careful also. We are going to pass the Supplementary Budget no problem, but we have some projects which have not been paid. The Ksh. 10 million projects have not been paid; those are also debts which are pending. These projects might affect the 15 million because the contractors are complaining now they have not been paid for the Ksh. 10 million projects.

So for the Ksh. 15 million projects which we want to start initiating might be affected because if the 10 million projects are not paid, you cannot convince the service providers, that is the contractors, that the 15 million you are going to pay. So it is my humble request that the Government side to Hon.or and pay the pending bills and the Ksh. 15 million projects.

Madam Speaker, if this house is not careful we might not start them. We might be doing these projects in the next financial year. So I request this House that we must move very fast and have a meeting with executive to discuss the issue of the Ksh. 15 million projects because as of now Madam Speaker, there is nothing going on the ground. Yes, for the last two, three months there is nothing going on. It is my humble request to the House and the Executive to meeting on these Ksh. 15 million projects because Madam Speaker, I am talking about projects...yes we allocated Ksh. 15 million, we were happy, but when are they going to be implemented?

For example we should now be implementing the Ksh. 15 million projects so let us not look on the side of yes, we have Ksh. 15 million and then we are not looking on the side of implementation Madam Speaker, so Madam Speaker, I do not want to waste a lot of time. What I have noticed with the Supplementary Budget is it is good; it is good on paper so it is upon us members to look into the matters which are affecting us and then we make the Executive to implement. Otherwise, I support the budget.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Minority Leader.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I do not want to make a summery but I will say that this report on the budget and appropriation did a very well done job and my humble contribution Madam Speaker, would be the report we have indicated that there are some various departments Madam Speaker, that did not spend so we are talking of...we have noted with great concern that there was some money which was returned at the end of the fiscal year.

So it is my humble request for the various committee members to go through this report so that during our departmental interrogations, we should be summoning the various COs or the various ministers in their departments why the money they were allocated was not used, because this goes around; it relates to what the Majority Leader has said.

In regard to the projects we were given, every project in regard to transport or it is in department of water the various committees and their chairs and committee members should task those departments that never spend their money because there is no reason why this money was returned at the end of the year. That is my concern Madam Speaker. Thank you



**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Kisila, briefly. You have a whole manuscript?

**Hon. Kisila:** No, Madam Speaker, I will be very brief. I have some few concerns Madam Speaker, I ask you to be patient with me. The issue of pending bills...let us be very honest because honesty is what is going to drive us forward. We have a problem with pending bills. Let the CEC, Deputy Governor tell us if he has paid people. People have not being paid; we have got projects which have stalled, which have not being paid for five years and that is a fact. So Madam Speaker, in this House we need to seriously sit down and put our foot down on pending bills otherwise we are going to lose money for development.

Number two Madam Speaker, we need to focus on revenue collection; a very key area which again will give us more money. We did 1.6 this year; we can do more if we sit down with the Executive. Number three Madam Speaker, I want to support Mheshimiwa Moffat; dam construction needs to be equally distributed.

I stand here as Mheshimiwa of Mwala. For the last two years, no one dam in my ward. When we are talking about dams being done and 211 million which has been set aside, it is the high time now as members we start demanding, otherwise we will be giving money and that money goes down the drain. Ksh. 211 million is no small money. Again Madam Speaker, we need an audit of where these dams are being done and let us have a report in this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, another thing which is very important is weirs, *kwa kikamba inaitwa koo*. A lot of money is being spent on one weir because of the method the Executive is using. They are giving contractors a sub-contract of 3 million for a weir across a very small river when actually that money can be used in a better way, Madam Speaker. Let us now move to the next level as an Assembly and start demanding things to be done the right way. Agriculture, we are giving additional 18 million to green houses and tractors. Now my friend we are giving 18 million more for green houses and tractors where are---

**Hon. Speaker:** Your friend is the budget chair or who?

*(Laughter)*

Mheshimiwa budget committee, Ksh. 18 million for green houses and tractors when the current tractors have stalled, so are we giving additional money to an already stalled project because we are coming from the rains and there is no single tractor which was seen in any ward. So members let us...*natuanze kuongea ukweli sasa wacha maneno ya kuficha....*because---

**Hon. Speaker:** Now you are mixing---

**Hon. Kisila:** I am very sorry about that Madam Speaker. Page 11, I think we need to demand from the CEC, Agriculture that these tractors must be operational and they must start serving the purpose which they were given for. We cannot start doing one week to the rains you start doing tractors one week to the rains.

Madam Speaker, 10 million for purchase of chicks very good idea but where are these chicks being given? We need to come up with a policy of how these chicks...from chairman agriculture how are these chicks being distributed? I have only received 500 since I became a mheshimiwa.

**Hon. Speaker:** Chairman agriculture you are listening?

**Hon. Kisila:** So how are these chicks being distributed?

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila maybe Hon. Mitaa has an answer.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Policy on chicks distribution.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Madam Speaker, I wish to inform Hon. Kisila that since the inception of our ward projects some Hon. Members are currently allocating funds towards that issue of chicks and we have to factor that. Two, Hon. Speaker, I think Hon. Members can appreciate for once at least the issue of chicks is becoming transparent. Initially it was being done under the table but currently I have been receiving reports Hon. Members are receiving chicks Madam Speaker, and I think I would request this Hon. House to assist me to rehabilitate that department because I am seeing results out of it. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** There is something being done?

**Hon. Mitaa:** Yes Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, something is being done? I am talking on behalf of people of Mwala. I have only received 500 since the last two years. If that is the case---

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

**Hon. Speaker:** I will not allow any information. Hon. Kisila you have finished?

**Hon. Kisila:** I have finished, so as much as I want to concur with what Minority Leader is saying, as much as we are saying things are being done, let us have documented proof in this Assembly of how those things are being done. Let us not make general statements. Madam Speaker, purchase of seedlings for arid land, we need to move away from this *ndengu* our people are farmers.

We need seedlings so if money has being allocated for seedlings, let us now move to grass; we need that money. Policy on fuel if we are giving...let me tell you members we can ...if you want us to leave here very happy that something has happened...

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila you are supposed to address the chair, Hon. Speaker, not just looking at the members---

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, this fuel issue is very thorny and in fact Mwala Sub County is the biggest sub county we have here. Personally, I have 12 sub-locations and four

locations. Madam Speaker, we are only given a few for the entire sub county of Ksh. 200,000. By the time it leaves *Mama Tosha, imeenda---*

**Hon. Speaker:** Now who is Mama Tosha?

**Hon. Kisila:** Mheshimiwa Annastacia. Then we need to come up with a very good policy, Members, on how we are going to ensure every one of us gets the allocation. So let us not just give these people money. Yes, we are giving them money but if we say one million is for Mwala, a very well detailed policy on how that will be managed I will be very happy, because some members are suffering, Madam Speaker.

Bursaries, the committee never told us, everybody now knows the schools have closed, everybody knows KCPE results are out, waheshimiwa we are going on recess; you have not told us how much money you are going to give us for bursary come January. A clarification needs to come out in fact I wish I got the information that we are starting public participation on bursaries next week. It is a pain madam Speaker, equipping ECDE and polytechnics. All of us have constructed polytechnics and ECDE we need to factor money for equipping these. As per the report we got from Kericho from chairman education how they are doing in Kericho let us equip these otherwise they will just become white elephants which are not serving the purpose.

Department of Sports is another dead department which actually you cannot see anything happening in that department. Now they are asking for 10 million for seven million for Machakos united club. Now what is the criterion for setting up this Machakos United Club? How are we going to come up with the club?

Which criteria are you going to pick one player from every ward or you are only going to use a few people from Machakos town. And again Madam Speaker, this is not what we need. We need a very well thought out process on sports in mashinani in every ward. How do they organize sports and talent identification in the wards? I say seven million should not be used for just setting up a club; we need to set up talent centers and now schools have closed. How do we engage the youth?

We have a lot of potential and talent in this county but it is going down the drain because we do not have a policy. My last point Madam Speaker is on the ballooning wage bill. We can talk until cows come home. We need to address this issue head on and we need to be very transparent. Madam Speaker, I am having village administrators in my ward and I had an audit of them. Some of them even the way they have been recruited leaves a lot to be desired and again we have a wage bill which is high but my friends we are recommending increase in salaries.

So there are two things here which are actually beating the purpose so Madam Speaker, with those few points I want us to ...the Bill is very good and we are going to pass it but once we pass the Bill as a House, what the minority said the failure is with us or in the way we are monitoring execution by the various departments in the Executive. Let us up our game as members and ensure whatever we are giving out has been implemented. There is a committee on Implementation in this house I have never seen one report in the House from that committee telling us how we are doing things in this Assembly.

**Hon. Muthoka:** Point of information.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muthoka you have information.

**Hon. Muthoka:** Madam Speaker, you know my brother Hon. Kisila I am seeing him today; I think he does not attend, he is always absent even I think he has passed the eight sittings. He should be recalled from Mwala.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members. Order Hon. Members! That is a good commercial break can we say. Hon. Muthoka we have heard your information. Hon. Kisila you have been informed and I will task the table clerks here to check on the rule on eight sittings going forward for all of you.

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker Majority said it is the high time we follow through implementation of whatever we pass.

**Hon. Speaker:** The point is clear; can you go to the next one?

**Hon. Kisila:** I have finished, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Hon. Members even as you are getting the bits of pleasant exchanges between Hon. Kisila and Hon. Muthoka on implementation and generally the members from what I got from Hon. Kisila's debate, he has raised very important issues particularly on policy formulation.

We have a lot of areas where the chairs of those committees, and I know you are listening, we talked of Culture, even Education ECDEs, even sports and culture again, even on water pans, weirs. We need to have documented policies which are going to guide implementation. Maybe that is why you even find it difficult also to oversight the Executive because how do you do it when you don't have those policies in place?

So, it is upon the chairs you have looked at this report and you pick out what affects you even increasing on revenue collection. Run with it and engage the Chief Officer; engage the CEC who is your counterpart and come out with a policy and bring it here because like for bursaries we already have the regulations but in all the others, we do not have. You see in the point he is bringing up I think it is important we do that. Otherwise on implementation then again it is up to the House you know you have to make sure that what you pass must be implemented and it is you and the buck stops with you all of you not just one person but all of you.

So can we go to the next, I had given an order. Hon. Kisini you are the next one, then we come to Hon. Mueni. Hon. Jeremiah has walked out lets go on but kindly be brief.

**Hon. Kisini:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want also to congratulate the committee and say that it has done a good job. I have only got two issues: one is on decentralized units on page 8, and maybe Madam Speaker, mine is like a question. On the EPZ drainage there was a reduction of Ksh. 720,000. Hon. Members you went, we were checking on pollution of Athi River; you saw how that drainage has really stalled because of mud inside it. Water cannot pass, so it is a question on that reduction I'm going to ask. Why reduce the Ksh. 720,000; If I can be answered on that one.

Then I also go to page 13, that is, I'm still concerned about the roads, Madam Speaker, in this proposal for supplementary budget of 303 has been removed from the rural roads to dams,

Madam Speaker it's not that I am opposed to the dams it also depends on the what each ward wants to benefit from. We have never, like in my ward, I have never benefited in these rural funds and to remove them and we had not benefited means that we will still go back for the roads in my ward Athi river, so I also need some clarifications maybe from the budget committee to know if now money has been transferred from the roads to the dams it means that now the roads in my ward are going to remain stagnant. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisini. Was it Hon. Mueni or Hon. Jeremiah first? Yes give Hon. Mueni the chance.

**Hon. Mueni:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Mine is to say I support the report, but mine is we give the Executive money all the time but they don't do what they have written to do. They do opposite, so, I think Hon. Kamitu, you tell those people they have to do what they have asked the money for. It is very unfair like me I'm a Mheshimiwa and I cannot reach my house because there is no road and I have been asking in this House for let us say now seven years since I came to this Assembly. So if I cannot get the road to my place when I am a Mheshimiwa, what about when I will go home? Will I reach there or I will go out from the house?

So Madam Speaker, I think these people like what Majority has said, yes we are passing the money for them, we are having debts, today we were told we will not get the money; think very deep and when we are told we will not get the money, you cannot go and tell the Executive they are the ones who have been eating the money. We are also told that we eat the money. So Madam Speaker, I don't know Mheshimiwa Kamitu will inform who. I'm sitting down. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kamitu you have nobody to inform.

*(Laughter)*

Hon. Mueni has finished; let us go to the next Member, Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to congratulate the committee for the good work well done and to give my observation to this budget. Madam Speaker, it goes without saying that as we pass this budget we are also saying that the Executive must implement all the things that we have given to be done in the right time. We must also look for the time frame after we have given our work.

Madam Speaker also I would like also to concur with Hon. Ndawa on issues of pending bills. Here in the Assembly we have also our own budget and I want to understand also Madam Speaker, as we also allocate money in this Assembly we have also pending bills in our Assembly. It would be prudent for this House also we live as an example by paying our pending bills for our debtors.

Madam Speaker, also in the issue of our ward offices, Mheshimiwa Ndawa stipulated that we are doing our offices yet we have no public toilets. Immediately our electorates comes to us they will have nowhere---

**Hon. Speaker:** That point is home.

**Hon. Munguti:** I am driving my point.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is already home.

**Hon. Munguti:** There is a provision, which is not there.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah, if it is about toilets for the ward offices, I indicated that CASB has provided for them and any ward office that is going to be opened, officially CASB will be there and they will not open unless there are public toilets.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for that information. Also Madam Speaker, on the issues of Labour, Public Service and ICT, I have a lot of concern with this department. Madam Speaker, we have seen a lot of increase on issues of wage bill and also giving money to this department. Madam Speaker, we have a very big problem in this department because one thing, we are giving out money yet there are no people being employed staff in our county and yet we are increasing a lot of money in terms of wage bill.

It is my prayer that we have a committee for Labor, Public Service and ICT so that they can give us a work establishment on all the departments and the staff so that we can move in the right direction on issues of giving money for workers in our---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah, point of information by Hon. Angela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform the member that he was the first chair of the Labor committee and we never got any report from him about the soaring wage bill and secondly, salary increments are the rights of employees. There is no way you can deny them a salary increment because of a soaring wage bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Who is the current chair of labor? I was actually thinking it is still Mheshimiwa Jeremiah; I thought it was still him. Who is the current chair? Hon. Francis Kalumu who is not here? Okay. Hon. Jeremiah you notice that there is the aspect of salary reviews and in government, it is done yearly. That is now the unfortunate bit, it is the right of employee. But there is still room for us to check on the issue of the ballooning wage bill.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for your concerns and I would like also to inform the member who was giving me that information. As I was setting up the work establishment on the same department Madam Speaker, I was written out of that committee and therefore that is why we have never had the work establishment, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** You got a departmental transfer.

**Hon. Munguti:** I do not know whether it was a transfer or it was a---

**Hon. Speaker:** So where are you now Hon. Jeremiah?

**Hon. Munguti:** Madam Speaker, I'm in the department of Decentralized Units in the committee of Devolution, Madam Speaker. On the same vein Madam Speaker on the ICT Department, we have also increased our development money from Ksh. 11 million to Ksh. 21 million and, it is my plea from that committee they ensure that we had given out some work to be done into our wards.

Madam Speaker in this nation we are being digitized and we are moving from analogue to digital it is my prayer that as we give out these money each ward can get an ICT for our youth so that they can be uploading the works which are being advertised for the nation and also searching for jobs in the various departments of this county.

The other issue Madam Speaker is on the department of health and in this particular concern is about emergency department, in this House we passed a report for each sub county to have a refueling petrol station for our ambulances, but Madam Speaker it is so sad last week we lost a new born who could have been a leader in this nation for a woman who went into labor for quite some time. When we asked for an ambulance, we were told there was no fuel for the ambulances Madam Speaker and by so doing, the woman labored for some time and when she delivered, the child was pronounced dead which is a concern and this is from my ward.

Also Madam Speaker in the department of sports, we also assigned for some development to be done into our wards. We identified each ward to get two fields or pitches to be leveled for our youths to be playing in a fair and also well leveled ground. Madam Speaker you will realize that all the monies, which we have been putting into this department, has been going to other areas, which has no concern to us. My prayer is that Madam Speaker we can have each ward have either two or three playing ground being levelled for our youth to be doing sports.

Also Madam Speaker I had a league which I started last year, I have seen that we are giving one team which is called Machakos team which has been given Ksh. 7 million, my plea to this House is that we distribute this money to all the wards because each Mheshimiwa here has his own programs of sports and by so doing Madam Speaker from that league, I produced four youths which has been actually introduced in the youth league of our national team and they have gone to another level from Muthetheni ward, coming from that area all the way to the national level.

When we start a team from this Machakos County, you will get people from just within town and we can lose our own resources just for nothing. Madam Speaker I think the report is so good, I support it, and therefore what I can ask the house is that we can pass the report so that we can get the money for our development issues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Peter Mutiso then Hon. Museku.

**Hon. P.J. Mutiso:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My concern is on page 15 on beautification Madam Speaker. As I have seen, the Executive needs some money for beautification but my worry is every other time, they plant flowers. We see people on our way to Nairobi, but I to say or urge the government to do is that if they can plant trees, the same when they are planting flowers they have trees, because trees will be good for us and prudent but with some flowers sometimes our climate in this area is not friendly with some flowers if I may say.

So I urge them to plant trees as much as they can and also in some areas like Kiima/Kimwe they can also do the same. It will be good for us and we will see where our money is. But with the flowers they are planting, it is a total mess Madam Speaker. That is my observation because for almost eight years, they have been planting flowers but there is nothing

that we can see. It's only at Makutano whereby you can see some flowers but in other areas, there is totally nothing. I'm also a happy man when I go through Kenya Israel, those trees we planted them 2003 when I was Councilor in this area and I am the happiest man when I pass there because I can see trees and people resting there.

So Madam Speaker, let the government do something serious as Mheshimiwa from Mwala said because what we want to see is our money, profit of our money but not to do some things for the sake of doing them. That is not really good Madam Speaker.

So I also request our Hon. Members if they can come up with a plan on how we can plant trees from all over not even along the roads. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mutiso thank you and on that note Hon. Kisini, I forwarded to your committee a directive from the Senate on tree planting, requiring each county to upscale tree planting to reach a certain percentage and I said it be brought to you as chair of environment and what Mheshimiwa Mutiso is saying now, that is another thing that would make your committee to move and create a policy on tree planting.

**Hon. Kisini:** Yes Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** You didn't see that directive from the Senate?

**Hon. Kisini:** I am Yet to see it but we are going to follow up.

**Hon. Speaker:** You have a clerk. I gave it out to your clerk to be given. In fact the senate even set a date set a deadline when that to be done by each county so you can pass again through my office and check on what could have happened but the policy is there. Alright thank you Hon. Mutiso. Hon. Museku.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Just to Highlight on a few issues Hon. Speaker. While we were going through that report as a committee, we also noticed there was quite some substantial amount of money going under current transfers in various departments. Kshs, 2 million here Ksh. 5 million, Ksh. 10 million here indicated as other current transfers which as a committee we are going to go down and find out what are these other current transfers being put in the various departments.

Madam Speaker, there is a member who talked about the issue of the County Assembly and it being given two lines. If you notice, this is a supplementary budget and a supplementary budget talks on adjustments, we don't talk about the actual budget. So if the committee recommended no movements in those, it means that the position refers to what we budgeted for and if we refer to the actual budget which we did here in June, then we will be able to get all the details of the funds which we had provided for. Ksh. 911 million and Ksh. 387 million. So that is the reason why we didn't have any write up because the committee is recommending no movement; the status quo is maintained, so there was nothing to explain as far as that is concerned.

The issue of outstanding projects which the Hon. Majority Leader has talked about, out of the balances brought forward of Ksh. 1.8 billion, which was sitting on the county revenue fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> of June end of the last FY, Ksh. 400 million of that, to be precise Ksh. 356 million was to cater for the Ksh. 10 million projects. So the other standing of this committee is that the



contractors who did jobs under the Ksh. 10 million, need to present their bills as quickly as possible because the funds are there and they have been now appropriated into the various votes.

So there should be no reason whatsoever why the contractors who we did projects under the Ksh. 10 million should not be paid because we did the provision of Ksh. 356 million shillings under the various vote heads. Actually for roads alone is Ksh. 100 million which was brought forward so we need to move with speed and to ensure that we push for our contractors to be paid on the Ksh. 10 million issue.

The issue on the fuel card, the fuel issue Hon. Kisila raised it. What the budget committee had recommended if you read that report properly is that we want a fuel card, various oil companies have various fuel cards, if we can be able to get fuel cards for each ward, a fuel card per ward, those are only 40 fuel cards and you upload it with the money for that ward. So now that we don't have the cards, the card is still with the Executive but once you have uploaded your money in a card, nobody else can use it because it is your card and you have to sign for it and there has to be a statement for it.

So that was the suggestion and we are saying that the budget committee and the road and transport committee working jointly to ensure that the executive go ahead and actually implement this and give wards their various fuel cards loaded with cash for each and specific wards. One of the things just for your information Hon. Members because I am from that industry you lose a lot when you don't have a fuel card.

If you have a normal card from Kobil or from Shell, you will be fueling Ksh. 3 to 4 cheaper off the pump price simply by having that fuel card. So if the fuel is going for Ksh. 100 and you are having a fuel card for Shell, your price is Ksh. 96, so even us getting those fuel cards for our wards, we will be able to enjoy those tremendous discounts and achieve much more in utilization of the fuel cards.

The other issue has been raised by Hon. Kisini are on the issue of roads where he talked about the reduction, if you look at what is remaining under the rural roads is about Ksh. 251 million shillings, that is what is remaining there and we have provided a further Ksh. 40 million under fuel, which takes you to Ksh. 291 million, we had budgeted for Ksh. 303 status quo remains almost the same. So, that is how we have done it and we are sure the roads projects should not be affected by that movement of the three hundred million shillings.

Finally, I will talk about the current status of the economy of Kenya just to give an overview is that we know Kenya is deep in debts, you even saw the national assembly approving for extension of the debt ceiling, the implication of that is that as an assembly we should not be blind to what is happening in the country, we have also seen the lifting of the credit on the limit of the interest rates, all that is pointing to as I alluded before is that there is going to be a credit squeeze in the short time, in the next few months, next six months one year, you will get a very huge credit squeeze in the country as we gamble with servicing the date which has also come at a very expensive open market rate instead of through the institutional rates.

So the issue here is that whatever funds we allocate for development in our budget, let those funds be used prudently because they are being allocated from that scars environment. It will be quite immoral for us to be actually allocated funds to do roads while the country is under credit crunch and we don't do those roads. We allocated funds to construct hospitals but we don't construct those dispensaries, we allocate funds to construct or to sink wells, boreholes and to put up to dams and we don't do it, why?

Next year the allocations will become tighter and tighter. So my plea would be for the various departments for the assembly to make sure that whatever has been approved in these budgets and funds are allocated for it, we push as an Assembly through the various departments

and ensure those funds are actually utilized for the projects they are supposed to do them, otherwise you will sit in next year and be saying we wish we had done the things we should have done when the credit squeeze comes in. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Can I call upon the mover of the motion to reply?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First I wish to thank the Hon. House for their passionate support and contribution to this report that the Budget and appropriation committee presented before the house. Madam Speaker, Budget preparation and implementation, is a process that starts from when we present the County Fiscal Strategy Paper in between we have Supplementary Budgets, we have a review using the CBROP tool and it's my plea that Hon. Members here in the various committees will have time to interrogate the implementation of budget especially for this FY, the chairpersons of those committees to work in liaison with their respective COs and CECs to ensure that the programs and the projects that Hon. Members have proposed are implemented Madam Speaker.

On the issue of pending bills, budget committee as directed by the Hon. Speaker, will move with speed and with the cooperation of the Hon. House to ensure that we address it and that Machakos County moves from the list that list of shame to a list of heroes. In conclusion, Madam Speaker I call upon members of this house to support this report that we have presented before them. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I'm just getting some text here but I will do what is necessary.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** So thank you Hon. Members, we just need to do a bit of housekeeping, I notice it is 2.40 p.m. and you are supposed to be back here because you still need to finalize the work on the supplementary budget, can we come back at 3.30 p.m. or 3.45,? Alright, 3.30 p.m. Thank you, 3.30 p.m. Hon. Members so that we can finish the work that is before us, remember we will have to go on even if it means late into the night to finish the work that is on our table. Alright so the sitting of the house is adjourned to reconvene on the 20th day of November 2019 at 3.30 p.m. Thank, you.

The House rose at 2.40 p.m.