

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022

The House met at 12.35 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. We are starting a little late because the budget committee was finalizing its report on the supplementary budget and I do note that it is already past 12.30 p.m. when the first sitting is supposed to have ended. So under Standing Order 1, I will allow that we have a motion moved for extension of time even though it is already past noon. I am aware of the Standing Order that would require the amendment be moved before noon. *Mheshimiwa* Ndawa is normally very keen on that but I do not see him here. All the same can we have that motion for extension moved so that then when we start this sitting we shall proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of order under Standing Order 27 to request extension of 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 sitting 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 completed.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Munyasya. Who is seconding your motion?

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: I call upon Hon. Kamitu to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kamitu Minority Leader.

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

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. This is a procedural motion and looking at the circumstances in which it is moved, I am sure that no Member would be objecting to it so, we extend sitting time and then we can start with our business.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I do have a communication to make under this Order. The first communication Hon. Members is on the membership of the County Assembly Service Board. Hon. Members, Section 12(1) of the County Governments Act 2012 provides that there shall be a County Assembly Service Board for each County Assembly. Section 12(3) of the County Governments Act as amended by Section 47(a) of the County Assembly Services Act 2017 provides for the composition of the CASB as follows;

- a. The Speaker, of the County Assembly as the Chairperson;
- b. A Vice Chairperson elected by the board from the Members appointed under paragraph (c);
- c. Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by a political party represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the Assembly;
- d. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs but are not Members of the Assembly.

Pursuant to these provisions, Hon. Members, I received a communication from the Majority Party Whip Hon. Moses Mitaa, the MCA for Kangundo Ward nominating Hon. Mark Muendo to the CASB. The communication states that Hon. Mark Muendo has been nominated to the CASB by the Majority Party that is the then NASA Coalition in some arrangement which is written and which is provided for to the office of the Speaker and that is intended to replace Hon. Francis Kioko Kalumu who has been serving under the same agreement.

So, now Hon. Members Hon. Mark Muendo the Majority Party Leader who will be serving in place of Hon. Francis Kioko Kalumu in the County Assembly Service Board for the Assembly Majority Party effective 1st of March, 2022. Hon. Members, I congratulate Hon. Mark Muendo for this appointment and wish him well in serving the Assembly and I also wish to thank Hon. Francis Kioko Kitheka for his dedicated service to the Assembly during the time when he was serving in the board.

REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The second communication is on reports of the Auditor General. Hon. Members Article 229(4)(b) of the constitution provides that within six months after the end of each financial year the Auditor General shall audit and report in respect of that financial year the accounts of all funds and authorities of national and county government and Article 229(5) of the constitution provides that the Auditor General may audit and report on the accounts of any entity that is funded from public funds.

Under Article 229(7) of the same Constitution requires that the audit report be submitted to parliament or the relevant County Assembly. Pursuant to this provision of the Constitution Hon. Members, the Assembly has received the following reports of the Auditor General on different dates.

1. Report of the Auditor General on Matungulu/Kangundo Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2020 received on 25th, of February, 2022.

2. Report of the Auditor General on the Municipal Council of Machakos Water and Sewerage Company limited for the year ended 30 June, 2019 received on 1st of March, 2022
3. Report of the Auditor General on the Yatta Water Services Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 25th of February, 2022.
4. Report of the Auditor General on the Mwala Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 28th February, 2022.
5. Report of the Auditor General on the Machakos County Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 25th February, 2022.
6. Report of the Auditor General on the Machakos County Housing Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 21st February, 2022.
7. Report of the Auditor General on the Machakos County Car Loan Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 21st February, 2022.
8. Report of the Auditor General on the Machakos County Executive Mortgage and Car Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 21st February 2022.
9. Report of the Auditor General on the Yatta Water Services Company provider limited for the year ended 30th June, 2019. Received on 21st of February, 2022.
10. Report of the Auditor General on the Machakos County Assembly Car Loan and Housing Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Received on 21st of February, 2022.

Hon. Members, the reports are hereby committed to the Public Accounts and Investments Committee for scrutiny and submission of reports to the Assembly for approval. The committee should report to the House within 90 days from the date of this communication. This means even within one week if they can process the reports. I note there are several so they have 90 days to file the reports.

COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2022

Hon. Members, Section 117(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 provides that the County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the assembly by the 20th day of February of each year.

Further, Section 117(6) of the same Act provides that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly, the Assembly shall consider and adopt it with or without amendment. Pursuant to these provisions of the law, Hon. Members, the Assembly received the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for 2022 on 28th of February, 2022 from the County Treasury and Hon. Members I shall issue further guidelines on the processing of the CFSP when the Paper is tabled since it is not yet tabled. Hon. Members, I would want to hold there so that the CFSP is tabled at the point of Papers being laid then I will come back to issue the guidelines on the processing.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, on this order, we have two businesses; the first one is by Hon. Mark Muendo on the CFSP Paper. The second one is by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki on the Supplementary Budget report. Hon. Mark Muendo.

COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2022

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022; the Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2022. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo. So, Hon. Members, the processing of that Paper is as follows. Standing Order 205(3) of the Assembly Standing Orders provides that upon being laid before the Assembly the County Fiscal Strategy Paper shall be deemed to have been committed to each sectoral committee of the House without question being put. That is for each committee to deliberate the Paper according to their respective mandate and to make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Members, further Standing Order 205(4) of the House Standing Orders provides that in considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall consult each sectoral committee and table a report containing the recommendations of each committee on the Statement to the Assembly for consideration.

So, Hon. Members pursuant to this provisions of the Standing Orders, the Paper that is the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is committed to the sectoral committees of the House to interrogate according to their respective sectors or mandates and to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration and tabling of the report before this House for approval within the shortest time possible and in any event not later than 21 days from today. Mr. Clerk, proceed. Sorry there were two businesses under that order; Hon. Dominic.

REPORT ON THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2021/22

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the table of the Assembly today, Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022; the report of the Budget and Appropriations committee on the first Supplementary Budget for the FY 2021/22. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic. The Paper is signed? I know it has been on a tight schedule.

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, Madam Speaker, it is signed.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2021/22

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this order has to be transacted by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, 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;

Aware that the FY 2021/22 Supplementary Budget Estimates No. 1 was received on 8th December, 2021 pursuant to Article 223 of the Constitution and Section 135(2) of the PFM Act, 2012, which provides for Supplementary Appropriation for any purpose if the amount allocated in the Appropriation Act is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure that was unforeseen and had therefore not been provided for in the Appropriation Act; Noting that, the Budget and Appropriations Committee, in reviewing the Supplementary Budget Estimates, held several sittings including two with the County Treasury officials and Budget Office, where extensive discussions on the Supplementary Budget were done; Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the first Machakos County Supplementary Budget for the FY 2021/22.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 2ND MARCH, 2022

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Mark Muendo, the Majority Party Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on, Monday, 28th February, 2022 to prioritize business for the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151(5). The Committee balloted business as follows:

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022
Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- a. Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Machakos County Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2021/2022 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- b. The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022; First Reading.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

- a. The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022; Second Reading by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- b. The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022; Committee of the Whole House by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- c. The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022; Third Reading by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

- d. Motion on adjournment for short recess from Thursday, 3rd March, 2022 to Monday to 21st March, 2022 pursuant to the Calendar of the Assembly approved on 8th February, 2022 by Hon. Mark Muendo, Majority Leader.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

MOTION

REPORT ON THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2021/22

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is a business by the Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. If you remember the practice of the House is that the day of giving the Notice of Motion should not be the day of moving the motion but because of the circumstances of the business on the table the House gives leave so that we transact the business in just one day. So Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, proceed please.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, 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;

Aware that the FY 2021/22 Supplementary Budget Estimates No. 1 was received on 8th December, 2021 pursuant to Article 223 of the Constitution and Section 135(2) of the PFM Act, 2012, which provides for Supplementary Appropriation for any purpose if the amount allocated in the Appropriation Act is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure that was unforeseen and had therefore not been provided for in the Appropriation Act;

Noting that, the Budget and Appropriations Committee, in reviewing the Supplementary Budget Estimates, the Committee held several sittings including two with the County Treasury officials and Budget Office, where extensive discussions on the Supplementary Budget were done;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the first Machakos County Supplementary Budget for the FY 2021/22.

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

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

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

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. How do you propose to proceed?

Hon. Ndambuki: Madam Speaker, it is not a lengthy report---

Hon. Speaker: Yes, because of its nature, you just read.

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, and Madam Speaker, with your indulgence, I will skip the introduction part of the Members and go straight to page number four.

Hon. Speaker: It is good that you put the Members on record in the HANSARD.

Hon. Ndambuki: Okay, thank you Madam. Hon. Speaker, the FY 2021/22 Supplementary Budget Estimates No. 1 was received on 8th December, 2021. This is pursuant to Article 223 of the Constitution and Section 135(2) of the PFM Act, 2012, which provide for Supplementary Appropriation for any purpose if the amount allocated in the Appropriation Act is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure that was unforeseen and had therefore not been provided for in the Appropriation Act. The law provides that an Appropriation Act can only be amended through a Supplementary Budget.

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

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndambuki, just a moment. Members, this report is on your WhatsApp; it is posted online and there are also a few hard copies that have been made, so you can have access to it. Hon. Ndambuki, please proceed.

Hon. Ndambuki: I proceed from where I had left. Further, the Standing Orders mandate the committee to discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly; examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the Assembly; examine Bills related to the County Budget, including Appropriations Bills; and evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

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

Committee Membership

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

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

Examination of the First Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2021/22

Hon. Speaker, in reviewing the Supplementary Budget Estimates, the Committee held several sittings including some with the County Treasury officials / Budget Office and County Assembly Service Board representatives, where extensive discussions on the Supplementary Budget were done. The outcome of these deliberations has informed the various recommendations contained in this report.

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment, Hon. Ndambuki. Does the Supplementary Budget also have Supplementary Budget of the Assembly?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So, did you hold sittings with the County Assembly Service Board?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, Madam Speaker. Representatives---

Hon. Speaker: They should be captured, then. It should be included on who you sat down with in considering the budget. Do you want to correct it?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, Madam, with your permission.

Hon. Speaker: Please do it so that it can be captured on the record.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you. Let me repeat, Madam. Hon. Speaker, in reviewing the Supplementary Budget Estimates, the Committee held several sittings including some with the County Treasury officials / Budget Office and County Assembly Service Board representatives, where extensive discussions on the Supplementary Budget were done. The outcome of these deliberations has informed the various recommendations contained in this report.

Overview of the Supplementary Budget Estimates No.1 for FY 2021/22

Hon Speaker, the 1st Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2021/2022 are proposing an increase in the approved Budget Estimates by Ksh. 853,888,655.00.

This has been necessitated by:

- Unspent balances (as a result of delayed disbursement) in the County Revenue Fund of Ksh. 659,266,584.00
- Late receipt of conditional grants totaling to Ksh. 194,622,071.00

This increase is mostly under the recurrent budget which has increased by Ksh. 634,253,852.00; while on the other hand, the development spending plan has increased by Ksh. 219,634,802.00. The Executive in explaining the variance in the Supplementary Budget, has indicated that the Budget has been necessitated by the need to take care of the following;

- Take up Unspent balances (as a result of delayed disbursement) in the County Revenue Fund of Ksh. 659,266,584.00 and late receipt of conditional grants totaling to Ksh. 194,622,071.00
- Payment of pending bills especially KRA Tax arrears and salary statutory deductions.
- Rationalization of the Budget Estimates among other reasons.

Hon. Speaker, the committee notes that this Supplementary Budget has subjected the revised Budget estimates to expenditure increases as follows;

- Under Development Budget, by Ksh. 219,634,802.00 in different sectors.
- Under Recurrent Budget, by Ksh. 634,253,852.00 in different sectors.

Financing the 1st Supplementary Budget Estimates For FY 2021/22

Hon. Speaker, the County is proposing additional revenue expenditures in the proposed Supplementary Budget Estimates. The increase in revenues has been matched by increased expenditures hence the Budget Estimates are balanced at Ksh. 13,089,716,879.00 for both Revenues/Expenditures.

The sources of financing the 1st Supplementary Budget are as follows:

Equitable share	Ksh. 9,162,304,232.00
Balance B/f (CRF)	Ksh. 659,266,584.00
Conditional Grants	Ksh. 1,390,629,796.00
Conditional grants received late	Ksh. 194,622,071.00
Own source revenues	Ksh. 1,682,894,197.00
Therefore, the total revised resource envelope is proposed at	Ksh. 13,089,716,879.00

Adherence to Legal Provisions

Hon. Speaker, the format, structure and content of the supplementary budget is enshrined in legal documents; the Kenyan Constitution 2010, the PFM Act, 2012 and section 40 (6) of the PFM Regulations 2015. The following are the observations in relation to compliance with legal provisions:

- The total development budget in the 1st supplementary budget estimates has increased from Ksh. 3,818,752,869.00 to Ksh. 4,038,387,671.00. This is as result of an increase in revenues (unspent balances/late receipts of conditional grants) and the development ratio is still at 31% which is in compliance with the law.
- The Personnel Ratio in the proposed 1st supplementary budget estimates stands at 49% which is in contravention of PFMA, 2012 that caps the same at 35%. Currently the total personnel emoluments Budget Estimates is Ksh. 6,402,982,249.00.

Key Proposed Changes under the 1st Supplementary Estimates FY 2021/22

Hon. Speaker, to achieve the above objectives/adjustments, the County Treasury has proposed changes to the expenditure framework of the County Departments as follows:

Office of the Governor

Hon. Speaker, the Office of the Governor has an approved budget of Ksh. 565,188,865.10 which constitutes Ksh. 3,080,367.00 for development and Ksh. 562,108,498.10 for recurrent spending respectively.

The County Treasury proposes to retain the recurrent expenditure at the same level but with the following balanced adjustments: increase under programme 1; Office of the Governor- Headquarters by Ksh. 1,051,180.00; increase under programme 2; transport services by Ksh. 8,425,000.00; reduction under programme 3; human resource and administration services by Ksh. 4,000,000.00; increase under programme 4; ICT services by Ksh. 272,500.00; increase under programme 5; hospitality services by Ksh. 3,000,000.00; reduction under programme 6; cabinet office by Ksh. 3,031,600.00; reduction under programme 7; office of the Deputy Governor by Ksh. 7,117,289.00; increase under programme 8; headquarters administrative services by Ksh. 5,123,789.00; increase under programme 9; office of the County Secretary by Ksh. 600,000.00; and decrease in programme 10; office of county advisors by Ksh. 2,221,220.00, resulting to unchanged recurrent budget of Ksh. 562,108,498.10.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury proposes to increase the development budget for the Office of the Governor by Ksh. 2,000,000.00, being an effect of: an increase in the provision for refurbishment of buildings by Ksh. 2,000,000.00, resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 5,080,367.00.

The committee recommends that the Office of the Governor be allocated Ksh. 5,080,367.00 for development and Ksh. 562,108,498.10 for recurrent expenditures respectively.

Department of Public Service, Quality Management and ICT

Hon. Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Public Service, Quality Management and ICT is Ksh. 416,679,917.00 which constitutes Ksh. 9,329,343.00 for development and Ksh. 407,350,574.00 for recurrent spending respectively.

The County Treasury proposes to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 368,101,839.00, being an effect of: increase under Programme 1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 302,641,218.00 (which includes additional provision in salaries for the department totaling to Ksh. 226,081,081 to cater for payment statutory deductions & additional medical insurance cost of Ksh. 75,940,137.00); reduction under programme 2; quality management by Ksh. 390,000.00; increase under programme 3; training, research and development by Ksh. 67,970,621.00 (which includes current transfers, KDSP donor funding Ksh. 66,080,621); reduction under programme 4; ICT administration & support services by Ksh. 1,120,000.00; decrease under programme 5; ICT infrastructure by Ksh. 900,000; decrease under programme 6; closed circuit television by Ksh. 100,000.00, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 775,452,413.00.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury does not propose any change in the development expenditure and the same remains unchanged at Ksh. 9,329,343.00.

The committee noted with concern the provision of Ksh. 226,081,081 meant for payment of salary statutory deductions for the month of June 2021. The committee recommends the department to immediately provide the assembly with the details of the deductions paid using the above provision once the payments are done.

Hon. Speaker, the committee further recommends that the office of Controller of Budget ensures that the monies are remitted to the respective statutory bodies as requested.

Hon. Speaker, going forward the Committee recommends that statutory deductions be paid immediately funds are received and the committee will in future not allow such provisions in the budget.

The committee further noted that additional Ksh. 75,940,137 has been provided for NHIF medical insurance cover for the members of staff. The committee noted that this item was under budgeted for during the main budget putting into question the credibility of the original provision.

The county executive should therefore expedite the payment of the amount to ensure members of staff benefit from the cover.

The committee also recommends that the department should provide to the assembly details of how the KDSP grant of Ksh. 66,080,621.00 will be applied.

The committee recommends that the departmental recurrent expenditure be revised to Ksh. 775,452,413.00 and the development one to remain unchanged at Ksh. 9,329,343.00

Department of Trade, Industrialization and Innovation

Hon. Speaker, the department of Trade, Industrialization and Innovation has an approved budget of Ksh. 404,429,339.00 which constitutes Ksh. 289,906,472.00 for development and Ksh. 114,522,867.00 for recurrent spending respectively.

The County Treasury proposes increasing the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 25,109,857.00, being the effect of increase under Programme 1; general administration services by Ksh. 26,127,007.00; reduction under programme 3; business and enterprise development by Ksh. 227,150---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: What is happening? What is happening, Members?

Hon. Ndambuki:.....reduction under programme 5; investment facilitation & support by Ksh. 235,000.00; reduction under programme 6; hygiene and sanitation by Ksh. 555,000.00; resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh.139,632,724.00.

Hon. Speaker, under the department's development expenditure, the County Treasury proposes to reduce the budget by Ksh. 15,000,000.00; being the effect of the following: increase under programme 2; trade development by Ksh. 637,255.00 (being a reduction in the budget for construction of public toilets by Ksh. 5M, and for construction of office block by Ksh. 5,546,675.00 and increase in the budget for construction of market sheds by Ksh. 11,183,930.00); reduction under programme 4; Industrial Development by Ksh. 15,637,255.00 (being a reduction in the budget for construction of an industrial park by Ksh. 20M and an increase by Ksh. 4,362,745.00 for installation of a jaw crusher plant), resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 274,906,472.00

The committee notes that Ksh 5,000,000.00 had been moved from the provision for construction of public toilets in our market centers, but given the importance of these facilities within the centers, the committee has reinstated the amount so that the county government can continue offering this service.

Further, the committee observes the county has provided Ksh. 4,362,745.00 to go towards the installation of a jaw crusher. The committee notes that this equipment was purchased in the FY 2018/19 and is dismayed that the equipment has not been put into use three years down the line. The people of Machakos have therefore not enjoyed the expected benefits of these funds which were allocated by this Honorable House. The committee therefore urges the county executive to expedite the process of operationalization of the plant.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised to Ksh. 127,632,724.00 and development expenditure be revised to Ksh. 274,906,472.00.

Department of County Administration and Decentralized Units

Hon. Speaker, in the department of County Administration and Decentralized Units, the approved budget is Ksh. 533,441,059.00 which constitutes Ksh. 14,940,561.00 for development and Ksh. 518,500,498.00 for recurrent expenditures respectively.

The County Treasury proposes to retain the recurrent expenditure at the same level but with the following balanced adjustments; reduction under Programme 1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 930,000.00; reduction under programme 3; administration and coordination services by Ksh. 900,000.00, increase under programme 4; solid waste management by Ksh. 400,000.00; and increase in programme 5; inspectorate services and management by Ksh.1,430,000.00, resulting to unchanged recurrent budget of Ksh. 518,500,498.00.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury suggests to retain the development expenditure at the same level but with the following balanced adjustments: reduction under programme 1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 3,586,000.00 (being a reduction in the budget for construction of sub county offices by Ksh. 4,386,000.00; a reduction in the budget for purchase of photocopiers by Ksh. 940,000.00 and an increase in the budget for purchase of computers, printers and IT equipment by Ksh.

1,740,000.00); and an increase under Programme 2; solid waste management by Ksh. 3,586,000.00 (being an increase in the budget for purchase of tools/equipment), resulting to unchanged development budget of Ksh. 14,940,561.00.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that the recurrent and development expenditures in the department remain unchanged at Ksh. 518,500,498.00 and Ksh. 14,940,561.00 respectively.

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Finance and Economic Planning the total approved budget is Ksh. 545,355,160.00 constituting of Ksh. 57,560,987.00 for development and Ksh. 487,794,173.00 for recurrent spending respectively.

The County Treasury proposes to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 55,097,263, being an effect of: increase under programme 1; revenue management by Ksh. 15,934,257.00, increase under programme 2; budget formulation, coordination and implementation by Ksh. 10,400,000.00, increase under programme 3; Supply Chain management by Ksh. 1,700,000.00, increase under programme 4; accounting services by Ksh. 11,160,000.00, increase under programme 5; audit services by Ksh. 5,429,000.00, increase under programme 6; human resource management & support services by Ksh. 8,974,006.00; increase under programme 7; economic planning and statistical services by Ksh. 1,500,000.00, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 542,891,436.00.

Hon. Speaker, under development expenditure, the County Treasury proposes an increase of Ksh. 181,926,333.00, being an effect of: reduction under programme 1; resource management by Ksh. 30,000,000.00; increase under programme 2; budget formulation, coordination and implementation services by Ksh. 30,000,000 and increase under programme 4; accounting services by Ksh. 181,926,333.00 (being a provision to pay KRA tax arrears), resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 239,487,320.00.

The committee noted that Ksh. 181,926,333 has been provided to pay for tax arrears (withholding taxes and VAT). Withholding tax/VAT should have been deducted at source and remitted to KRA at the time of processing related invoices. The committee requests the department to immediately provide the assembly with details of the taxes paid using the above provision once the payments are done.

Hon. Speaker, The committee further recommends that the county treasury should in future ensure timely payment of the gross invoice amounts once they fall due to avoid cases of pending taxes.

Hon. Speaker, the committee further noted that after this Honorable House approved regulations relating to operationalization of the emergency fund, Ksh. 30,000,000.00 has been provided for under the Emergency Fund.

The committee also recommends a movement of Ksh. 22,122,000.00 within the programs to facilitate effective revenue collection.

The committee recommends that the recurrent budget of the department be revised from Ksh. 487,794,173.00 to Ksh. 563,003,436.00 and further that development budget be revised from Ksh. 57,560,987.00 to Ksh. 239,487,320.00.

Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources

Hon. Speaker, the department of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources has an approved budget of Ksh. 423,327,282.00 which constitutes Ksh. 104,072,655.00 for recurrent and Ksh. 319,254,627.00 for development spending respectively.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury proposes to increase the recurrent expenditure by Ksh.10,000,000.00, being an effect of: an increase under Programme 3: General administrative and

Support Services by Ksh. 11,500,000.00 and a decrease under programme 4: Environment and Natural Resources by Ksh. 1,500,000.00, resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 114,072,655.00.

Hon Speaker, the County Treasury proposes to reduce the development expenditure by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, being an effect of: an increase under Programme1; water supply and sewerage by Ksh. 5,000,000.00 (being an increase by Ksh. 10 million in the amount budgeted for maintenance of plant, machinery and equipment & reduction by Ksh. 5 million the provision for new boreholes drilling and equipping); decrease in Programme 3; irrigation schemes development & promotion by Ksh. 15,000,000.00 (being a decrease in the amount budgeted for construction of water dams/pans & irrigation works); This would result to a revised development budget proposal of Ksh. 309,254,627.00.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends to increase the provision for boreholes equipping by Ksh. 20,000,00.00, this will facilitate the equipping of some boreholes within the county that have remained unfinished over time.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 104,072,655.00 to Ksh. 106,072,655.00. The committee further recommends that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 319,254,627.00 to Ksh. 329,254,627.00.

Department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development

Hon. Speaker, the department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development has an approved budget of Ksh. 811,297,101.90 which constitutes of Ksh. 410,538,783.00 for recurrent and Ksh. 400,758,319.00 for development spending respectively.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury seeks to increase the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 10,899,700.00; being an effect of: increase in Programme1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 11,749,700.00; decrease in programme 2; crop development & management by Ksh. 150,000.00; decrease in Programme 3; livestock resources management & development by Ksh. 250,000.00; decrease in Programme 5; veterinary services by Ksh. 50,000.00; decrease in Programme 6; Agricultural Training Centre by Ksh. 400,000.00; resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 421,438,482.90.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury seeks to increase the development expenditure by Ksh. 100,686,380.40, being an effect of; increase under Programme1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 111,186,380.40 (being KCSAP grant); decrease in Programme 2; crop development and management by Ksh. 3,000,000.00; decrease in Programme 3; livestock resources management & development by Ksh. 3,000,000.00; decrease in Programme 4; fisheries development by Ksh. 1,000,000.00; decrease in Programme 5; veterinary service by Ksh. 3,500,000.00, resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 501,444,699.40.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department should provide to the assembly details how the kes 111m grant will be applied.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 410,538,782.90 to Ksh. 418,438,482.90 and that development expenditure in the department be revised from Ksh. 400,758,319.00 to Ksh. 501,444,699.40

Department of Health and Emergency Services

Hon. Speaker, the approved budget for the department of Health and Emergency Services is Ksh. 4,423,762,273.68 constituting of Ksh. 453,510,882.68 for development expenditure and Ksh. 3,970,251,391.00 for recurrent respectively.

The County Treasury proposes an increase in recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 125,045,193.00, being an effect of; an increase under Programme1: general administration and support services by Ksh. 60,431,101.00; an increase in Programme 2: Machakos level 5 by Ksh. 114,893,005.00: a decrease in

programme 3; Kangundo level 4 by Ksh. 3,619,037.00; a decrease in programme 4; Matuu level 4 by Ksh. 3,100,709.00; a decrease in programme 5; Kathiani level 4 by Ksh. 8,559,584.89; a decrease in programme 6; Mwala level 4 by Ksh. 5,890,519.25; a decrease in programme 7; Kimiti level 4 by Ksh. 4,075,638.69; a decrease in programme 8; Masinga level 4 by Ksh. 5,358,057.37; a decrease in programme 9; Athi River level 4 by Ksh. 4,985,619.41; a decrease in programme 10; Mutituni level 4 by Ksh. 4,666,019.42; a decrease in programme 11; Ndithini level 4 by Ksh. 6,051,319.82; a decrease in programme 12; Kalama level 4 by Ksh. 4,602,367.82; a decrease in programme 13; public health & community outreach by Ksh. 4,259,672.00 and an increase in programme 14; emergency services by Ksh. 4,889,631.50, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 4,095,296,584.50.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury proposes to decrease development budget by Ksh. 80,690,124.00, being an effect of: an increase in Programme 1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 22,641,538.00; a decrease in Programme 2: Machakos level 5 by Ksh. 2,469,713.00; a decrease in programme 3; Kangundo level 4 by Ksh. 4,646,078.00; an increase in programme 4; Matuu level 4 by Ksh. 2,554,104.00; a decrease in programme 5; Kathiani level 4 by Ksh. 9,682,523.00; a decrease in programme 6; Mwala level 4 by Ksh. 7,788,488.90; a decrease in programme 7; Kimiti level 4 by Ksh. 3,994,322.50; a decrease in programme 8; Masinga level 4 by Ksh. 4,363,394.50; a decrease in programme 9; Athi River level 4 by Ksh. 4,363,395.50; a decrease in programme 10; Mutituni level 4 by Ksh. 4,363,395.50; a decrease in programme 11; Ndithini level 4 by Ksh. 4,363,395.50; a decrease in programme 12; Kalama level 4 by Ksh. 4,363,393.10; a decrease under programme 13; Public Health and Community Outreach by Ksh. 52,455,295.00 (being a reduction in the budget for construction of community hospitals by Ksh. 30,000,000 & dispensaries by Ksh. 17.3M) and a decrease under programme 14; emergency services by Ksh. 3,032,372.00, resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 372,820,758.50.

Hon Speaker, the committee noted the general reduction in the budgetary provisions for the development & operational budgets for the level 4 & 5 hospitals. This has been necessitated by the need to provide adequate provisions for drugs, non-pharmaceuticals and food.

The county has been experiencing acute shortage of medical drugs within its health facilities. To address this, the committee recommends additional provisions of Ksh. 81m to go towards purchase of medical drugs during the remaining period of the fy, Ksh. 31m for the purchase of non-pharmaceuticals items and Ksh. 20m for purchase of food within our hospitals.

Hon. Speaker, the committee further recommends movement of the remaining Ksh. 72,796,334.00 budgeted for paying the County Health Service Providers from the current vote line personal allowance paid as salary (Administrative Allowance) to the vote line of Field Allowance. This movement will enable the county treasury to process the payments of the CHSPs with easiness and on a timely basis.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the department be revised from Ksh. 3,970,251,391.00 to Ksh. 4,086,184,584.50, while the development one be revised from Ksh. 453,510,883.00 to Ksh. 372,820,759.00.

Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works

Hon. Speaker, the department of Roads, Transport and Public Works has an approved budget of Ksh. 1,088,094,341.00 which constitutes Ksh. 197,278,514.00 for recurrent and Ksh. 890,815,827.00 for development spending respectively.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury proposes to increase recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, being an effect of: an increase in Programme 2; road development and management

administrative services by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 207,278,514.00.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury seeks to decrease the development budget by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, being an effect of: decrease under Programme 1; general administration and support services by Ksh. 62,582,116.00 (i.e. being a reduction in the budgets for construction of an airstrip/aerodrome; an increase under Programme 2; road development & management by Ksh. 82,820,592.00 (i.e. being a reduction of budgets for construction of rural roads by Ksh. 10,000,000.00 and a provision of Ksh. 92,820,592.00 for purchase of specialized plant); reduction under Programme 3; County Government buildings services by Ksh. 30,238,476.30 (i.e. being an increase in the budget for construction of buildings by Ksh. 29,761,523.70 & a reduction of Ksh. 60,000,000.00 in the budget for construction of official residences for Governor/Deputy Governor), Resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 880,815,827.00.

Hon. Speaker, the committee notes that the county executive has been providing funds for the construction of an airstrip only to reallocate the same funds during the supplementary budget making process casting doubt on the commitment of the county government to implement the said project.

Under the provision for purchase of specialized plant, the committee recommends a provision of only Ksh. 32,820,592.00 towards the same.

The committee recommends that Ksh. 50,000,000.00 be retained for construction of Governor's/Deputy Governor's residences. This is in adherence to SRC circular dated 14.8.2020 to all County Secretaries and Clerk of County Assemblies; reference no. SRC/TS/CGOVT/3/61/VOL.V(44) providing for the housing benefits for Governors', Deputy Governors and County Assembly Speakers. The Commission reiterates that the 30th June, 2022 deadline for leasing of Houses still applies and therefore the counties were reminded to hasten the construction of the Houses by allocating funds and prioritizing the construction.

The Committee further recommends that the Ksh. 10,000,000 for rural access roads be retained.

Hon. Speaker, the committee therefore recommends that recurrent expenditure of the department be revised from Ksh. 197,278,514.00 to Ksh. 199,278,514.00 and that development expenditure be revised from Ksh. 890,815,827.00 to Ksh. 880,815,827.00.

Department of Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare

Hon. Speaker, the Department of Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare has an approved budget of Ksh. 541,146,744.93 which constitutes of Ksh. 142,102,833.00 on development and Ksh. 399,043,912.00 for recurrent expenditure respectively.

The county treasury has not proposed any changes to the recurrent budget and the budget remains Ksh. 399,043,912.00 as it was initially approved.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury seeks to increase the development expenditure by Ksh. 30,000,000.00, being an effect of: decrease under programme 1; headquarters general administrative services by Ksh. 7,224,772.00 (being a reduction of the budgets for construction of ECDE centres by Ksh. 5,224,772.00 & refurbishment of youth polytechnics by Ksh. 2,000,000.00; an increase under programme 2; Basic Education by Ksh. 32,000,000.00 (being an increase in the provision for purchase ECDE educational aids/equipment by Ksh. 30M and Ksh. 2.5M for purchase office furniture and fittings; and an increase under programme 3; Youth Development services (construction of youth polytechnics) by Ksh. 5,224,772.00, resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 172,102,833.00.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends to move the provision for purchase of ECDE educational aids to the vote line for construction of ECDE classes, the same has been topped up to Ksh.

40,000,000.00 so as to facilitate construction of ECDE classes in each ward at a provision of Ksh. 1,000,000.00 per ward.

Further the committee recommends to move Ksh. 56,327,605.00 from the vote line of non-residential buildings (youth polytechnics) to the vote line other recurrent transfers. This is to facilitate provision of capitation funds to the youth polytechnics. Hon Speaker, towards this end, the committee urges the department to establish the current enrollment data in the youth polytechnics as this should be used as the bases of release of funds to the centers.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department remain Ksh. 399,043,912.00 as it was initially approved and further recommends that development expenditure be revised from Ksh. 142,102,833.00 to Ksh. 182,102,833.00.

Department of Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Hon. Speaker, the department of Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development has an approved budget of Ksh. 955,190,843.00 which constitutes Ksh. 841,502,191.00 for development and Ksh. 113,688,652.00 for recurrent spending respectively.

Hon. Speaker, the County Treasury seeks to increase the recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, being an effect of: an increase under Programme 1; headquarters administrative services by Ksh. 10,000,000.00, resulting to a revised recurrent budget of Ksh. 123,688,652.00.

Hon. Speaker, the County proposes to reduce development expenditure by Ksh. 51,000,000.00, being an effect of: a decrease under programme 2; lands and physical planning by Ksh. 10,000,000.00 (being a reduction in the budget for valuation roll) and a decrease under programme 3; Housing and Urban Development by Ksh. 41,000,000.00, resulting to a revised budget of Ksh. 790,502,191.00.

Hon. Speaker, the committee noted that the county is providing Ksh.10m under Daily Subsistence Allowances so as to facilitate the process of putting in place a Valuation Roll with the assistance from valuers from the National Government which is relatively cheaper compared to having the same undertaken by private valuers. With the valuation roll in place, the county will reap immense benefits especially in terms of revenue mobilization.

Further, the committee recommends the reallocation of Ksh. 51m to other developmental needs from the provision of urban regeneration since the county has not started the implementation of the said program.

Hon. Speaker, the committee therefore recommends that the recurrent expenditure for the department be revised from Ksh. 113,688,652.00 to Ksh. 123,688,652.00 and further recommends that development expenditure be revised from Ksh. 841,502,191.00 to Ksh. 780,502,191.00.

Department of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture

Hon. Speaker, the department of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture has an approved budget of Ksh. 205,361,707.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 90,990,459.00 on development and Ksh. 114,371,248.00 on recurrent expenditures respectively.

The County Treasury has not proposed any changes to neither recurrent nor development budgets.

Hon Speaker, the Committee recommends that recurrent and development expenditures for the department remains Ksh. 114,371,248.00 and Ksh. 90,990,459.00 as it was initially approved.

County Public Service Board

Hon. Speaker, the County Public Service Board has an approved budget of Ksh. 49,763,200.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 10,000,000.00 on development and Ksh. 39,763,200.00 on recurrent spending respectively.

The County Treasury has not proposed any changes to the recurrent expenditure budget and the same remains at Ksh. 39,763,200.00 as it was originally approved but with a few balanced adjustments.

Further the County Treasury has not proposed any changes on the development expenditure and the same remains Ksh. 10,000,000.00 as it was initially approved.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee recommends that recurrent and development expenditure for the County Public Service Board be retained at Ksh. 39,763,200.00 and Ksh. 10,000,000.00 respectively.

The committee recommends that the funds allocated to the board for construction of their offices be used for the allocated purposes as the board performs key roles in the county.

County Assembly

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly had an approved budget of Ksh. 1,272,790,391.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 295,000,000.00 for development and Ksh. 977,790,391.00 for recurrent expenditure respectively.

The Committee notes that the County Assembly recurrent budget is normally costed and determined by CRA hence cannot be reviewed beyond the given ceiling but the part of other recurrent transfers (loans), is normally negotiated with the county treasury. The county treasury proposes to increase the provision of other transfers (loans) by Ksh. 20M, this is to facilitate the replenishment of the car loan scheme after Hon members were awarded the car grants.

Further, the County Assembly proposes a provision of Ksh. 20M to facilitate settlement of some outstanding statutory obligations under the recurrent budget i.e statutory deductions, assessed taxes and service gratuity.

The County Treasury proposes an increase in the development expenditure for the Assembly by Ksh. 51,712,213.00, being an effect of: an increase under programme 2; legislative services by Ksh. 51,712,213.00 (this is made up of the following increases - construction of a modern chamber by Ksh. 30M, construction of ward offices by Ksh. 21,712,213.00, resulting to a revised development budget of Ksh. 346,712,213.00.

The Committee recommends that the County Assembly development budget be revised from Ksh. 295,000,000.00 to Ksh. 346,712,213.00 while the recurrent budget be revised from Ksh. 977,790,391.00 to Ksh.1,017,790,391.00.

The proposed departmental budget estimates are as provided in the following table:

Hon. Speaker, I wish to request that the Hon. Members look at the table and I am going to read the net expenditure, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Because this is what you have just been reading in the report? This is a summary.

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, this is a summary.

Hon. Speaker: It is in order.

Code	County Entity	Proposed Recurrent Estimates	Proposed Development Estimates	Total
R3761	Office of the Governor	562,108,498.10	5,080,367.00	567,188,865.10
R3764	County Public Service Board	39,763,200.00	10,000,000.00	49,763,200.00
R3765	Road, Transport and Public Works	199,278,514.00	880,815,827.00	1,080,094,341.00.00
R3766	Health and Emergency Services	4,086,184,584.50	372,820,759.00	4,469,005,343.50
R3773	County Assembly	1,017,790,391.00	346,712,213.00	1,364,502,604.00
R3776	Water, Irrigation, Environment and Natural Resources	106,072,655.00	329,254,627.00	435,327,282.00
R3777	Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development	418,438,482.90	501,444,699.40	919,883,182.30
R3778	Finance and Economic Planning	563,003,436.00	239,487,320.00	792,490,756.00
R3779	Public Service, Quality Management and ICT	775,452,413.00	9,329,343.00	784,781,756.00
R3780	Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture	114,371,248.00	90,990,459.00	205,361,707.00
R3781	Trade, Industrialization and Innovation	127,632,724.00	274,906,472.00	402,539,196.00

R3782	Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare	399,043,912.00	182,102,833.00	581,146,745.00
R3783	Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development	123,688,652.00	780,502,191.00	904,190,843.00
R3784	County Administration and Decentralized Units	518,500,498.00	14,940,561.00	533,441,059.00
Total Net Expenditure		9,051,329,208.500	4,038,387,671.40	13,089,716,879.90

Effects of the Supplementary Budget

Hon. Speaker, the overall effect of these proposed changes is a change of the approved budget by Ksh. 853,888,655.00 from Ksh. 12,235,828,225.00 to Ksh. 13,089,716,879.00. A further analysis shows that the recurrent expenditure will increase by Ksh. 634,253,853.00 from Ksh. 8,417,075,356.00 to Ksh. 9,051,329,208.00 while the development expenditure will increase by Ksh. 219,634,802.00 from Ksh. 3,818,752,869.00 to Ksh. 4,038,387,671.00. This translates to a recurrent expenditure of 69% and development expenditure of 31%.

Compensation to employees stands at Ksh. 6,402,982,249.00 translating to 49% of the total revenue contrary to 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 except on compensation to employees which exceeds the 35% ratio.

Committees Observations and Recommendations

1. That, the proposed overall change in the recurrent spending is Ksh. 634,253,853.00 increase; this translates to 8% increase in the Recurrent Budget i.e. the overall recurrent budget is therefore revised from Ksh. 8,417,075,356.00 to Ksh. 9,051,329,208.00.
2. That, the proposed overall change in the Development spending is Ksh. 219,634,802.00 increase; this translates to 6% increase in the development budget i.e. the overall development budget is therefore revised from Ksh. 3,818,752,869.00 to Ksh. 4,038,387,671.00.
3. That, the proposed overall change in the approved budget is Ksh. 853,888,655.00 increase, this translates to a 7% increase in the total budget spending.
4. The committee noted that there has been low absorption of the development budget during the first half of the financial year, and recommends that the county should always prioritize its implementation going forward.
5. Pending bills – Despite the National Treasury advisory that Counties prioritize the clearing of pending bills, it is noted that the county continues to have pending bills. The county

- should ensure pending bills are paid for so as to allow smooth implementation of programs/projects in future budgets.
- The county should always enforce the use of the PFM Act, 2012 and the Procurement Law in its operations as this will address the challenge of new pending bills accruing.
6. Prioritization of completion of stalled projects.
The committee notes that there are projects which have remained uncompleted for years in several wards, and proposes that the County Treasury ensures adequate funds are provided for to facilitate their timely completion. A detailed work plan on how the County Treasury intends to finance the stalled projects should be tabled in the Assembly for review.
 7. The committee noted that there is a provision of Ksh. 30M for Emergency fund to cater for any unforeseen disasters in the supplementary budget. The committee recommends that this amount be enhanced in future budgets to ensure adequacy.
 8. Ward projects - there has been no major movements in the approved provisions in the different sectors hence the committee urges the County Executive to implement ALL the ward projects as earlier prioritized/budgeted and agreed.
 9. That the County Treasury should put in place strong revenue mobilization strategies to avert future reduction in own source revenue projections.
 10. The committee is concerned that it has become a trend that there are two supplementary budgets in any financial year, which is against best international practice and it waters down the credibility of the budget as critical expenditures are left out during the formulation of the budget with the expectation that they will be funded through a supplementary budget or some key projects are allocated significant amounts of money only for the same to be reallocated to other programs during the supplementary budget making process like provision for construction of an airstrip, provision for urban regeneration among others.
 11. No information has been provided in regard to measures taken by the County Executive in implementing the recommendations made by the County Assembly for FY 2021/2022 Budget Estimates.
 12. The committee noted that new development projects have been included/initiated in the supplementary budget in the departments of Roads, Transport and Public Works; Finance and Economic Planning; Trade, Industrialization and Innovation; and County Administration and Decentralized Units.
 13. On programme implementation, the committee is concerned in the manner in which the county has been rolling out budgeted projects. There are concerns with regard to development projects not being fully funded due to revisions under supplementary budget as well as slow exchequer releases and also delayed access to IFMIS.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker, the first supplementary budget estimates was submitted to the Assembly on 8th December, 2021 and the committee reviewed the reasons forming the basis of the supplementary estimates. Important to note was to take into account the balances b/f in the CRF account & the rationalization of expenditures.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that this house resolves to:

- Approve the report and recommendations of the BAC on the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2021/22.

- Approve that this report forms the basis for the preparation of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill of FY 2021/22.
- Approve that the County Treasury finalizes the required budget documents/processes as per the PFM Act on the detailed estimates.

Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for facilitating the Committee to undertake its mandate.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meetings and preparation of this report.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my pleasant undertaking, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the FY 2021/22 first Supplementary Budget Estimates before this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki, for that laborious task which you undertake so easily of reading figures.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, I invite you to debate the motion. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I will start by congratulating the Chairperson and the Committee for coming up with such an elaborate report. Madam Speaker, from the report, it is now evident that some of the issues that are giving us sleepless nights are going to be addressed by this Supplementary Budget. Madam Speaker, as you are aware last time we summoned the CECM for health and his team to come and shed light on the issue of drugs in our facilities. Madam Speaker, the issue of drugs has been adequately addressed and now we can confirm that there will be no cause for alarm on the issue of drugs.

The other issue that has been addressed on the issue of health is about our brothers and sisters who serve as Community Health Volunteers, Madam Speaker, it is evident from the report that the monies to cater for these staff or these Community Health Volunteers was placed in the wrong heading and the Committee on budget has moved it to the right heading so making it easy for the department to start now using the money to pay our community health workers.

Madam Speaker, the report has tackled almost every department not forgetting about the department of water. It has provided for resources so that some of the boreholes which were drilled and were not powered now the Budget Committee has given the nod for the department to go and power those boreholes.

On the issue of education, there is a proposal in the budget that we have Ksh. 40 million to construct ECDE classrooms in the 40 wards. Madam Speaker, I want to confirm that is the way to go because we are all aware that there is an urgent need for ECDE classrooms. What I would request is that if we pass the budget as it is, let us not hear that some wards have lacked ECDE classrooms because we have confirmed here it is every ward.

On the issue of vocational training centers, Madam Speaker, monies have been provided for to ensure that there is smooth running in our vocational training centers and as we are all aware, anyone graduating in a vocational training center stands a better chance of getting a job than a person who is graduating from the university. The reason is that this particular person coming from a vocational training center has technical skills that he/she can use to get daily bread. The graduate from the university will have to go and seek for job and the job is not guaranteed. So, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the Budget Committee for ensuring that our vocational training centers have something to have them operational.

Madam Speaker, generally from all the departments including the County Assembly, things have been factored, so I would request my colleagues Hon. Members to pass the budget as it has been presented by the Budget Committee so as to have operations start moving as soon as possible. Madam Speaker, some of the issues which are giving us sleepless nights are these access roads; we have seen that there are some facts to ensure that at least Ksh. 10 million the committee was very much considerate and if we talk of Ksh. 10 million, we have 40 wards.

Even if we have Ksh. 200,000 per ward, that is Ksh. 8 million and there is still be a balance of Ksh. 2 million. So at least that is a fair deal for MCAs at least to grade their roads and murrum some of the areas which are not passable and maybe the other issue of culverts can also be addressed. Madam Speaker, I do support and request my colleagues to also support and approve the budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, this is a very good and elaborate Supplementary Budget and I would like to commend the committee for good work but I have some concerns and my first concern is on page 15. Now when you reduce the development budget for level IVs and some of our level IVs are really struggling. When you come to Mwala level IV and see the congestion in the maternity and the wards, the committee is recommending reducing the development budget for Mwala level IV by Ksh. 7.7 million and we have been promised a ward---

Hon. Masesi: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: I would like to inform the Member that, that was a proposal by the Executive, not the Committee and I want to give---

Hon. Speaker: The question is, if I get the Hon. Kisila is why did you approve it?

Hon. Masesi: Madam Speaker, down there the Committee recommends Ksh. 80million to that department.

Hon. Museku: Maybe I clarify, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, the committee has noted exactly what the Hon. Member has said in terms of the reduction of funds from level IVs and level V. The discussion which was held between the Committee and the Executive or the representatives of the department is that these funds which were sitting there, we only have four months to the financial end of the year and they had not yet initiated the projects of development in those areas. On the other hand, we are having acute shortage of drugs which are an immediate requirement, and therefore what we agreed is that yes we allow them to do those reductions so that we can solve the immediate problem of provision of drugs.

(Applause)

This is instead of going through the lengthy process of procuring and we only have a few months to the end. Let us save our people with drugs now and then we have the next budget which we are doing for the next financial year, we cater for those drugs and now the Executive ensures that the implementation of those projects starts early in the year for them to assist the respective areas.

The other item you will note under the same is that we have actually added Ksh. 80 million for the purchase of drugs and an additional Ksh. 30 million for a provisional food in the same facilities. So we have been having money sitting in these areas as allocations which have not yet been implemented and then on the other side they say they cannot utilize them either to buy food or to buy medicine.

In addition to that, we only passed the other day the Regulations; you remember the Act which was brought before the House by Hon. Angela Munyasya was adopted by the House the other day which now is the one which is going to operationalize the issues of having monies allocated to various hospitals and then the committees are in place now to operationalize that and ensure that we are ploughing it back. So we will now ensure that in the next budget those funds are provided to be able to implement that law which we passed in this House but the immediate need that need right now was to ensure that we have the provision of drugs. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, you are on the light?

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I am well informed but I am also concerned with the budget provided, we have provided enough money for drugs in the main budget. So, my worry is why we are picking development money to provide for drugs when we had provided drugs in the initial budget. It is just that clarification I seek because, yes drugs are important----

Hon. Speaker: So, then just go on Hon. Museku, clarify.

Hon. Museku: I think when we summoned the Chief Officer here and the whole department here including the finance people, they went ahead and paid outstanding Ksh. 120 million to KEMSA and we saw the drugs which came and after that, we saw the drugs which were bought and put in our hospitals, but remember this was a backlog. So what we are saying is that, once we have provided that we don't want a situation whereby now before the next budget comes into effect, we have a lag where we don't have medicine in our facilities.

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

Hon. Museku: So we said, because we have cleared the funds which we had provided for in the previous budget, ideally specifically because of Covid-19 and other related complications which diverted

funds which had been earlier budgeted for to purchase of oxygen and other things which went much higher than they were before, so the Chief Officer explained that those funds had been utilized by Covid-19 interventions and therefore what we had budgeted for will not cater to go for the entire year hence the need to supplement.

Hon. Speaker: I was waiting for Hon. Museku to reach a point where Hon. Stephen can inform but it is a good discussion. If you are still informing further information to Hon. Kisila now not Hon. Museku.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Though my concern was on Hon. Museku's sentiments that the monies that had been allocated for drugs that when he was saying that we saw the drugs, Madam Speaker, to me I just saw a picture on social media I am not very sure that we have the drugs and the report that we are still getting from our people is that there are no drugs still in our Level V and Level III health facilities. So, I am not very sure as a person that we got the drugs that are being mentioned. Thank, you.

Hon. Ndawa: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Masesi: More information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Another point of information. Hon. Kisila, I think what we will do, why don't we just have Hon. Kisila finalize and then the Members just contribute because he is losing---

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, we need to be honest with each other and the Health Committee.....let me tell you this House has to be managed through Committees and we must admit the Health Committee in the last six months as much as I don't want to put it straight they have slept on the job. Being that, that is what *Mheshimiwa* is saying whether the medicine actually came, and if it came we needed to have actually checked to ascertain they have landed and they have been distributed.

If you want to give me information that we actually have enough medicine in our facilities, then you actually be lying to this House.

(Applause)

Let us be honest with each other because honesty is what is going to take us far.

Hon. Masesi: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think you need to put what you saying correctly, Hon. Museku because there is no medicine in our hospitals.

Hon. Museku: The work of the Budget Committee is to make provision for drugs and I am justifying why we allocated additional funds for drugs. The work of the provision of drugs belongs now to the department which is supposed to be providing the drugs. So, I am justifying the reason why the Budget Committee included additional Ksh. 80 million for provision of drugs and it is because as a Budget Committee we do not want to be told that there are no drugs in hospitals. The funds have been provided by the Hon. House and that is what I was justifying.

As to whether the drugs are physically on the ground or whether we have them that is for another department to confirm but for me from the Budget Committee where I sit, we have provided enough resources to ensure that those drugs are available. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: So on what basis Hon. Museku were you making the provision; from whose information?

Hon. Museku: Normally what happens, Madam Speaker, for your information in the Budget Committee is we look at---

Hon. Speaker: I am just trying to put your record right. Is it what you were informed by the Executive when you met them?

Hon. Museku: I wanted to say that the recommendations which we make Madam. Speaker are based on what the department came and presented to us and in addition also what the Budget Committee looks at funds movement. The Budget Committee has the capability of looking at funds and saying these funds have been provided for an item which, after discussion with them and with the Budget Committee, is not so much of a priority.

For example, if I may just be able to explain to you, they had provided close to Ksh. 80 million in various departments for advertising and publicity. We moved all that money to purchase of drugs because the Budget Committee realized saying that the priority is not in publicity and advertising and therefore we actually as a committee moved that money and said it must be provided so that we have enough drugs in our facilities and nobody comes and says we do not have drugs because we have not been provided for funds by this Hon. House. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: So Hon. Kisila you feel---

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I will just rest my case but on the basis that I hear what the Budget Committee has done and I highly recommend what you have done. You had also done the same in the previous budget in the main budget you have provided enough money for medicine. Now where is the missing link? That is what we need to find out as a House and Members let us not cheat ourselves that our time is up. No! The remaining five months can make or break us; they can make us come back or go home so the point I am trying to establish is, let me continue please---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, it is a point of order. Let us hear what the point of order is

Hon. Mitaa: Hon. Speaker, I think matters being raised by Hon. Kisila were deliberated during the General Oversight Committee and he was not here. He is taking us back.

(Applause)

He ought to have informed himself on what we deliberated on. We resolved that we help the department of health to come up with a budget which can even take us up to August and I think that is what the Budget Committee has done so honourably please we need to save time, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: I am not wasting House time, whether I was here or not. The issue I am trying to raise here is and I want somebody in the Health Committee to tell me actually they verified the medicine which came was actually distributed equally to all the Level IVs, Level IIIs and the reason is if I am wasting time, then I am sorry but I am not. What I am trying to say is the Health Committee needs to raise the bar and tell us what they are doing and Madam Speaker we also do not seem to have a Chairperson in that committee.

So *tuko na shida*, we have a problem.

(Laughter)

Tuko na shida and let us admit when a committee; this Assembly is run through committees. True or false? Now if we do not have a Chairperson for the Committee, I do not it is going like a headless chicken. I want to continue on point---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information. Hon. Kisila, order! Hon. Angela what point of information? Do you sit in the Health Committee?

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Hon. Speaker, I do not sit in the Health Committee but I sit as a friend of the Health Committee sometimes but my information is that any committee is constituted of a Chair and a Vice-Chair and in the absence of a Chair we expect the Vice-Chair to take charge and execute the duties that the Chair would have executed. So it is not in order to say that a Committee is not operational because there is no Chair. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think the point that we are all discussing amounts to one thing; satisfying ourselves that the budgets we pass here is appropriately used in service to the people and it is actually a wakeup call to all of you. These are matters that we have been discussing every other moment. Hon. Kisila, can you proceed and conclude.

Hon. Kisila: I am very happy, Madam Speaker, on the way you have summarized it and let us not take some of these things for granted; they are going to make or break us. Madam Speaker, I draw the attention of the House to page No. 17 on the department of education, skills and training. May be I missed but I do not see where the additional bursaries are; we still have to provide for bursaries to our people that is one very important crucial area. Have we provided for that, Madam Speaker? I am just asking.

Hon. Masesi: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, the information I am giving is that during the main budget we gave Ksh. 3 million per ward which is Ksh. 120 million. We have only given out Ksh. 36 million so it means we still have enough bursaries in that department which according to the information I got is that there will be more bursaries come next week. So I do not see any reason as to why we can add that bursary when the department cannot finish the Ksh. 120 million.

Hon. Speaker: So what should happen, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, is for the Education committee to summon the relevant officers and to ensure that the balance is utilized. We are just about end of the financial year. Hon. Jeremiah, are you informing Hon. Kisila?

Hon. Munguti: Thank you. I want to inform also Hon. Steve Mwanthi because he had talked about the bursaries. Madam Speaker, I would like this House to know that it is true the Committee of Education that the money that we have allocated for the bursaries should have been put in this budget so that as we speak for it then it is written in books and it has a record because if we had given Ksh. 120 million for the 40 wards then and we have only six months down the line we need the bursaries to be allocated to our 40 wards come the next six months. Thank you, Madam Speaker,

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I think we are now not debating in an orderly manner; Hon. Kisila please proceed and conclude your remarks.

Hon. Kisila: I will conclude, Madam Speaker, but let me tell you the concerns we have are very valid and the concern *Mheshimiwa* Muthetheni is raising is very valid because we also provided money for bursaries in the main budget and we were given Ksh. 1 million. Somebody ended up giving us Ksh. 800,000. What happened to the Ksh. 200,000? So the issue we are raising here Madam Speaker and I do not want to be given more information..... the issue we are raising here is when we raise money---

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Point of information, Hon. Speaker, please.

Hon. Speaker: No, Hon. Angela, you will not. Hon. Kisila, conclude.

Hon. Kisila: When we give money to a particular area and the Budget Committee has been doing that very well, what *Mheshimiwa* Muthetheni is saying is let us see that money and can I tell you the truth, I was like the Chief Officer of Education and it is as if whatever *Mheshimiwa* Mwanthi is saying is not true. So, the worst bit is that we leave it hanging here and it is one of the biggest benefits for any sitting Member here for them to come back or go home.

(Applause)

Hon. Museku: Hon. Kisila, let me just advice on that please.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku, I have not given you the opportunity.

Hon. Museku: Hon. Speaker, kindly.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Museku I have not allowed you.

Hon. Kisila: Lastly, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Finalize, Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: I am finishing. Lastly on ECDEs, it is not the first time we are passing budget for ECDEs to be given in every Ward and Madam Speaker, my worry is Committees' effectiveness. Summoning Chief Officers yes, but we have passed in this Assembly ECDEs for every Ward but they have not gone through and now we are passing another Ksh. 1 million here. I hope that we are going to get an extra ECDE in every Ward.

(Applause)

Lastly, Madam Speaker, I do not know if it is only in Mwala/Makutano Ward where we have a challenge of water and boreholes have stopped. Madam Speaker, we have provided money here for additional money to the Department of Water; Madam Speaker, my wish is that we follow it up to ensure that all the boreholes are functioning and the ones which were capped and have not been equipped are done properly. Hon. Members, we are now in the end of our term and this budget is important that we follow it to the letter; that is my appeal. However, much we want to brush things aside, Madam Speaker, I think we need to be serious and these five months can make or break all of us. Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I think when you transact your business here, just stop doing it like it is your last day on this earth. You have been and you will be even after 9th of August so do not keep on referring to your last days, your last month, your what? just do your business because your term ends on 8th August, 2022 and remember that you are on YouTube. Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to congratulate the Committee on Budget because it is very clear that the movement of this funds to be more specific to the Health department will sort the issue of shortage of drugs if the House stands to follow the implementation of the same, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the bitter truth is that when the department of health was here they said that they had exhausted the budget which was meant for this financial year and again the Chief Officer said that they had looked for some Ksh. 30 million and bought some drugs but I want to tell the House that we went to Kangundo Level IV and Madam Speaker we still do not have drugs within our facilities.

The Health Committee was there last week though I had not gone back to the committee, I was invited but Madam Speaker we still do not have drugs within our facilities. In fact to make the matters worse we realized that Kangundo Level IV, the laundry machine has been down for three months. They are carrying their clothes which are used by the patients and are transported from Kangundo to Kathiani for washing. So it is a bad situation and we need to make sure that is resolved. In fact, Madam Speaker, I was wondering why we have not given the conclusion of that invitation of the department which came out clearly that the Chief Officer of Finance said that they have been adhering to all requisitions from the Health departments.

Madam Speaker, we need to give a fate (??) of that discussion and make sure that whoever has to carry the blame, we need to be very strict on matters health. These Ksh. 80 million which has been given for the same, we need to call the department again and I want to support your words, 'let us not say these are our last words.' Let us bite and push for what belongs to our people and make sure that our facilities have drugs.

Madam Speaker, we came here and summoned the department and it is like Madam Speaker the Chief Officers have not taken the matters seriously and Madam Speaker I tell you, we still do not have drugs. We need to push and put more efforts on that issue Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, lastly, I would like to maybe you need to call the Chief Officers of Water, Education and Transport Departments to get to know the implementation of these funds which have been set aside for boreholes; that is water. Coming to education department, Madam Speaker, I want to believe we had a budget of Ksh. 80 million in we were given Ksh. 800,000 so there is a balance of Ksh. 1.2 million which needs to be in black and white for bursaries. Again we have given Ksh. 1 million for ECDE classes; we need to know how the implementation of the same can be done within the remaining months.

Madam Speaker, they had been given Ksh. 10 million to feeder roads and we need to know how much is going per ward in terms of fueling and lastly in the Energy, Lands Department, the Budget Committee can confirm that we still have Ksh. 40 million which is one million per ward for transformers. Madam, Speaker we need to know when we are getting these things. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, you want to make a comment?

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the chance. I want to congratulate the Budget Committee for the work they have done. Though, I have a feeling that we also need to be checking on the things that we are doing every other time because for example, if you check on this supplementary budget, some of the projects that we are putting, much as they are too good for our people, it is like we are no longer asking ourselves what the previous monies went to do.

Madam Speaker, in our main budget we had these allocations especially for ECDE classes, not only last year but we have had all these year in year out. It is like we do not ask what happens to that money; it is a good initiative if it is being implemented. Do we have any project that has been initiated with the last or this year's budget before giving more Ksh. 40 million?

I thought we should ask ourselves what the previous monies went because just giving money; footing Ksh. 40 Million every other time to some extent is not making sense. I feel that it is also time we understand what happens to these monies before giving any department additional funds. It is like we have always been rubber stamping; just because a projects sounds so good we give money but without asking what happened to the previous monies.

Hon. Speaker: On that point Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, because you represent the people of Ekalakala Ward, have you brought a report here of what needed to have been done in your ward and has not been done for the last four years?

Hon. Mwanthi: In fact, Madam Speaker, I only have one ECDE class for the entire term and I have passed the budget not once or twice or thrice for one class for each ward.

Hon. Speaker: Why have you been passing?

Hon. Mwanthi: I only have one---

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment, Hon. Mwanthi. Why have you been passing and why have you not said no? I want Members to appreciate what you are putting on the Table because it was your duty and still remains your duty. So, each Member should be able to tell us in their ward and ECDEs is a responsibility of the County Government; how many ECDE classes you have in your ward and how much has been allocated over the years for that purpose and what has been achieved.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think I am still on the right path because those are the questions that I am asking but now that we have that Committee of Education and just as Hon. Kisila said, there is need---

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

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think *Mheshimiwa* Stephen has not been coming to the Assembly and he has not come to the Committee of Education to know the ECDEs in the ward have gotten in terms of money. So because of being late, he is bringing complications in the last minute.

Hon. Musyimi: Point of information.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: You can say what you want but that is the truth.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, let us guide our debate on where it should be but this is a question for each one of you because you are representing the people and it should not be just this particular time when one is saying; why have we been passing this. You should ask yourself.

Hon. Musyimi: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Did I allow you Hon. Musyimi?

Hon. Musyimi: I thought you questioned me.

Hon. Speaker: No, not you, because I always mention names. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Even as we debate on this pertinent issues being raised here, it is important to note that this is a supplementary budget and not the main budget and we are therefore re-allocating funds within votes based on where we are and the priorities which have changed as of now. Those issues you are raising are valid when we are looking at the main budget but now when the Budget Committee is doing a supplementary Budget which we have read in the beginning, the Executive is explaining the variance in the supplementary budget necessitated to take up some Ksh. 659 million which was under late receipt of conditional grants of Ksh. 194 million.

So we have some funds which came later on which are now necessitating the reallocation of funds within the vote heads. So what we are looking at here is a supplementary budget and we are only moving funds between departments depending on the current requirements and the current situation. So even as you think about, let us think of it in terms of where we are now; is that we are being told that this department has realized it is not spending this money, this department has received additional funds. So we are now rearranging those within the various departments and that is what the Budget Committee is trying to achieve.

For example, there is a Member who talked about bursary; we will not talk about a bursary here unless it has been reallocated. So the balances of bursaries are still sitting as they were budgeted for in

the original budget. In a supplementary, we only take the movements which have been done. Madam Speaker, that issue was raised by Hon. Jeremiah. Bursaries we did not mention them because there is no movement. So those funds are still sitting in that vote head and we are only talking about movements in a supplementary budget. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: That is information for each Member in the House. Hon. Musyimi you still want to inform Hon. Stephen Mwanthi further?

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I actually want to support the words if Hon. Mwanthi that before we give other budgets, we need clarity of the past budgets how they were used because in my ward, the ECDE class which I had given the department to be constructed in 2018, the foundation was dug yesterday but since 2018 only yesterday when the contractor was sent on the ground. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, you still had the ground to finalize

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I still stand on my point that if it is additional funds it means we still have money that we had budgeted in the main budget for construction of classes plus additional money which I believe the department might not be able to spend and probably if the money was meant for education sector, we do not have an option other than putting it in that sector. But as a Member for Ekalakala, I do not sit in the Education Committee, I believe Madam Speaker we need such a report from that Committee on what the department has been doing to the allocations that we have been giving.

Madam Speaker, as I conclude---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Musyimi has summarized it very well.

Hon. Ndawa: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let the Member conclude Hon. Ndawa. Just bring it along with your submissions but remember we still have the Committee of the Whole House where further debate can be carried out because we need to move forward really. Hon. Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Finally, on page 20 on the County Assembly, there is a provision of Ksh. 20 million maybe we can get some clarity from the committee on the same and the Ksh. 51 million meant for development that will go to construction of modern chamber and the other one will go to the ward offices which I believe we had also allocated funds for the same. Maybe if there are some variations we can get that clarity, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndambuki, as you answer the concerns of Hon. Mwanthi.

Hon. Ndambuki: On the issue of the Ksh. 71 million; Ksh. 21 million for the ward offices and Ksh. 50 million for the County Assembly chamber. It is evident that there are works going on in the new chamber under construction and this was proposed money the CASB so that they can pay the contractor who is working for the certificate that he has raised. These were monies which were

requested in the last financial year but were brought forward and were requisitioned and were not available then by the close of the financial year.

Still on the Ksh. 21 million, it is the same thing. We have ward offices that are under construction and others have not begun but these were monies that we had requested from the Treasury in the last financial year and were not available then because we could not provide for the requisite documents as per procurement laws. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to thank the House for their passionate contribution and for keenly following the report. I request them to adopt this report so that the funds that need to be used for example we need to buy more drugs and to ensure that even during the transition, as the new government takes over, we have enough supply of medicines and non-pharmaceuticals so that we can stir up that procurement process. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

BILL

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: At this point, the sitting of the House stands adjourned to resume at 3.30 p.m. Hon. Members, you have a 45 minutes break so that you can have your lunch. Today is a day that we work until we finalize the business that we have. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.45 p.m.