

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

The House met at 2.45 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRA YERS****MOTION****REPORT ON BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2013/14****Hon. Speaker:** Chairman Budget, take us through.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to table before you the Budget and Appropriation Committee report on Revenue and Expenditure for Machakos County Government for the year 2013/2014. The Constitution has placed significant responsibilities on County Government and indeed the County Assembly over the management of public resources in the County. The Assembly has in particular received enhanced responsibility with regard to legislation, resource mobilization, allocation, monitoring and control. Article 221 (4 and 5) of the constitution and the Public Finance Management Act 2012 contemplates a committee of the County Assembly to oversee the budget process. In this regard, Standing Order 207 establishes the Budget and Appropriations Committee with a specific mandate among which is to:

1. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County Budget.
2. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, In line with the provisions of the constitution, the budget estimates and related documents for two arms of the County Government namely, the County Executive and the County Assembly were submitted to the County Assembly on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. As required by the Constitution, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is required to discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly for consideration.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Budget and Appropriations Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honorable Members.

Hon. Isaac Mutuku Muinde, MCA	-	Chairperson
Hon. Rachel Nduku Ndambuki, MCA	-	Vice Chair
Hon. Charles Nguvi Mutisya, MCA	-	Member

Hon. Wilson Kasimu, MCA	-	“
Hon. John Sila, MCA	-	“
Hon. Renson Muthiani, MCA	-	“
Hon. Sammy Nduva, MCA	-	“

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the 2013/2014 Budget marks a paradigm shift in the budget process and indeed service delivery. Through the devolved form of Government, the County Governments have been mandated to provide local solutions to local problems. In particular, the County Assembly is required to ensure that the public resources are used in a prudent and responsible way.

The committee scrutinized the estimates for the County Executive and the County Assembly and has made a number of recommendations to the House. Mr. Speaker Sir, in reviewing the 2013/2014 budget estimates, the committee held several sittings in line with the constitution. The committee also held a public hearing with the general public on the estimates. This was held at the Machakos Municipal Social Hall. The hearing was conducted to receive views and recommendations of Kenyans on the proposed budget estimates and public opinion on areas where more resources are required to enable creation of more job opportunities and also areas of wastage or expenditure cuts.

### **Comprehensiveness of the Budget Estimates and Adherence to the Public Financial Management Act (PFM) 2012**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the honorable members will agree with the committee that, it was difficult to ascertain the specific programs as planned and budgeted for. For instance, the number of dams and bore holes and their sites, in which money, is allocated for in the department of Water, Irrigation and Sanitation just to mention a few.

The Committee recommends that the Executive Officer in charge of Finance, submits to this House detailed schedules of the capital projects in the estimates as well as the Annual Work Plan.

Mr. Speaker, I now present the overall expenditure and its impact on service delivery

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in reviewing the estimates submitted, the Committee sought to assure itself on two key issues. First, whether the resources are applied in an efficient, effective and equitable manner. Secondly, whether the available resources are adequate to defray the desired expenditure.

Hon. members, we must accept that Kenyans have a lot of expectations and this calls for serious reflection. It is therefore demanded of us to soberly discuss the expenditures of these departments as contained in the budget estimates. Hon. members, it is my humble request that as we discuss some of these expenditures, it is important we maintain an optimum level of expenditure such that the quality of services is not compromised.

**Salient issues raised by citizens of Machakos County through public forum**

1. That all former local authorities' projects that had been identified through the LASDAP process and earmarked for implementation in the 2012-2013 budget be honored by the County Government.
2. That the youth fund, disability fund, women grant and grant for the elderly be found a way to reach the members not through the Banks, as the banks have been known to frustrate the effort to distribute the funds.
3. That wananchi want a statement of assets and liabilities of the former local authorities as at the time of transition to County Government. And
4. The citizens want more funds in our budgets to go towards water projects.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MAKES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSE FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION****(a) AREAS RECOMMENDED FOR INCREASE IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATION****In the ministry of health & emergency services**

The committee recommends that,

1. On the construction of buildings, that is residential buildings, we increase the allocation from Ksh.5m to Ksh. 20m
2. Two on non-residential building, that is for (hospital, theater, ICU, morgues) that we increase the allocation from kshs.110m to Kshs.115m

**In the ministry public service labour & ICT**

The committee recommends that the expenditure of Ksh. 200 m is enough but the minister should provide further itemization because it only appears as a blanket block thing.

**In ministry of education, youth and social welfare**

The committee recommends that figures for construction of buildings, that is non-residential buildings (ECDs, youth polytechnics) the figure be increased from Ksh. 60m to Ksh. 63m.

**Other capital grants and transfers to the Ministry of Education**

1. Micro finance youth program to increase from Ksh. 15m to 40m
2. Grants to Women to increase from Ksh. 15m to 40m
3. Three Social welfare for elderly to increase from Ksh. 10m to 40m
4. Disability funds to increase from Ksh. 15m to 40m
5. School feeding program to increase from funding for Ksh.15m to 40m

**Ministry of transport, roads, public works & housing**

The committee recommends that funds earmarked for air strip Ksh. 10m be reallocated in that ministry from construction of air strip to construct parking bay for trucks at Mlolongo.

Mr. Speaker, that will save us from the congested trucks on the road and create a parking bay for them and since they will be paying, that will be a source of revenue for this County.

**(b) AREAS RECOMMENDED FOR REDUCTION IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATION**

These increments that the committee recommended, which in total is Ksh. 194m, should be matched with a reduction from other areas. So these are the areas where this money is coming from.

**Fifth recurrent expenditures**

This is where the money is coming from. It is being taken from the recurrent expenditure of the County Government or from the County Executive Services.

1. Civic empowerment and citizen participation. The committee recommends that that figure be reduced from Ksh. 8m to Ksh. 4m.
2. Publicity campaigns, under the County Executive be reduced from Ksh. 20m to Ksh. 10m.
3. Allocation for Boards, committees, conferences and seminars, in the County Executive Services reduced from Ksh. 150m to Ksh. 100m.
4. Confidential expenditures by the County Executive Services, be reduced from Ksh. 36m to Ksh. 6m.
5. Corporate Social Responsibility by the County Executive Services, be reduced from Ksh. 150m to Ksh. 50m

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUDGET**

1. The committee recommends that the Machakos County Assembly budget be increased from Ksh. 850m to Ksh. 891m, representing an increment of Ksh. 41 m which is the money that the executive should have remitted to the Assembly in the 2012-2013 budget.
2. That Ksh. 48m be reallocated in the Assembly budget from the construction of a new chamber to the ward offices, money being used for rent, wages for contractual employees, hospitality and general administration of the offices.

Mr. Speaker, the County Assembly Budget had only allocated Ksh. 4m, which would have taken care of rent for the members' offices at the ward level, pay two casual workers and general administration which is like Ksh. 9,000 per month, far too little to even run a kiosk, leave alone any office. And therefore this committee recommends to the House that we add Ksh. 48m to the Ksh. 4m, making it Ksh. 52m for offices of members' at the ward level.

3. That Ksh. 2 m is retained for the construction of a new chamber being money set aside for architectural designs in readiness for the construction of a new chamber in the FY 2014-2015. So after taking Ksh. 48m from the original figure of Ksh. 50m, Ksh. 2m which has remained so that the works that is in terms of architectural design can begin in earnest waiting for the next year but one budget where we can now allocate more money for ultra modern chamber for the members. And

The Budget and Appropriation Committee recommends that the Machakos County Assembly include a vote on Corporate Social Responsibility and that Ksh. 41m be allocated for that purpose in the FY 2013-2014.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me also appreciate the Sectoral Committees who worked tirelessly to prepare their reports within the short timeframe we had. Lastly the committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and the office of Clerk to County Assembly for the support received as it discharged its mandate of reviewing the 2013/2014 Estimates. The committee is also grateful to the members of the County Assembly as well as members of the public who participated in the process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me say I am greatly honored and privileged, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker, attached alongside this report by the committee is a summary of the budget estimates by the County Government of Machakos which is given in two parts, the recurrent budget appearing first and the development budget appearing thereafter. The figures that are given there are as extracted by the budget committee from the budget estimates that each

member already us and therefore, Mr. Speaker if you allow me, I beg to call Hon. Wilson Kasimu, member of the budget committee to second that we as a House adopt this report and for subsequent action by the house. Thank Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Welcome.

**Hon. Kasimu:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second that the House adopts the discussion of the report of the budget and appropriation committee on the budget estimates of financial year 2013-2014. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, the report by the Chairman budget has been presented and seconded. In the absence of any objection, this can be adopted as the report of the House.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The report is duly adopted and now I open debate budgetary estimate. Honorable members I have opened the floor.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to congratulate the chairman budget.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order member! Before you proceed, I have noted there are some honorable members who are not properly dressed. I put you on notice.

**Hon. Maitha:** That is why I stood. Can they comply. As you have said I would request we condemn them in the House because it has almost been a month since we had a sitting, so I request you understand them for today. I had notice and would request we contain them in the house because as you know it is almost a month since we had a session, so I would kindly request that you understand for today. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir once again and the honorable members, chairman budget and your entire team for the good work that you have done. We had a weeklong discussions, and perusal of the budget and I appreciate the sittings that we had yesterday and even before to come up with this kind of a budget.

I want to go to the recurrent budget estimates, and I want to enquire about the issue of the County Image Directorate. First, we need to get to know, we have allocated a total sum of Ksh. 45m. What is the County image directorate going to do so that we can allocate them Ksh 45m? We need to understand first where does this county image directory lay and what is its work? What is its mandate, which services is it going to deliver. It is going to have a positive impact to the County of Machakos and the people of Machakos County. That is what I want to know. So before I proceed, I would like to know how the money we have allocated for the County Image Directorate will impact in the financial year 2013/14. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much honorable member. I would like to ask the chairman budget to depend that position and as the chairman budget approaches the chair, I will urge Hon. Itumo, you are not properly dressed. You can find your way out of the chamber. You are allowed to return when you are adequately dressed. Proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. When we got the budget estimates, from the Executive arm of the Government I came about that figure and the members of the appropriation

committee enquired about the amount set that is that figure of Ksh. 46m. I set out to enquire from the Minister Finance, what that is, so that members can be fully informed why we have a figure of Ksh. 46m. I was advised and this I communicate to the members of budget and appropriation committee that this is a department that will be under the decentralized units and it will take care of garbage collection in the County especially in our urban centers. It will take care of landscaping, sweeping our roads also to make sure that our towns are clean, they are appealing to investors to come and invest in Machakos County. And I was informed that this is even a very modest figure and the budget committee was satisfied by the explanations given because we want to appear clean, we want to appear pleasing, we want to plant flowers at around so that as we do business we look like a serious county. That was the explanation given by the executive member on finance and the budget committee was satisfied. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Let us have.....You are not satisfied with that answer?

*(Addressing Hon. Maitha)*

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the chairman of budget committee. When the chairman of budget talks of garbage collection, if you go to development budget estimate, there is somewhere we have allocated some money for sanitation. When you tell us that garbage is going to be collected through recurrent budget expenditure, Mr. Chairman of budget, I tend to disagree with you. We have also allocated some more money, because, you have said this department is under department of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities. We have allocated a total of Ksh. 415m to the decentralized units department and yet again you want us to allocate some extra Ksh. 45m on the department of County Image Directorate.

And if I may ask, through your permission Mr. Speaker, Sir, who authorized the formation of the County Image Directorate if this House was not informed of that department? And then you are going ahead to allocate the monies to a department that does not even exist in this House as having been approved, with members vetted and given the go ahead to do that. So I am not convinced as to why we should allocate Ksh. 45m yet we need some more money to our schools, our hospitals and some more departments. So I feel I am not convinced by the chair that we should allocate some money if this department is under the Ministry of Decentralized units, they should have allocated those monies there, and then we use this money for something else. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. I think Chairman of budget committee get the floor again. And before you address the House, Hon. Itumo, you are kicked out of this house for the date. Sergeant-at-Arms, escort him outside.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, I also want to draw to the attention of the chair that we also have other members who are not properly dressed. You cannot have a tie on top of a T-shirt, Mr. Speaker. I want to name member from Machakos Central and member for Mua. They are not properly dressed, Mr. Speaker. You can make a ruling on that.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable members, you remember, I gave notice that member should be adequately dressed and I have not seen the member for Machakos Central.

*(Loud consultations)*

Sorry you need to talk through the chair, honorable members. You don't shout, we talk through the chair. We need to make a ruling on this. An honorable member that is on question cannot address the House.

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think dressing code is very important in this House. And I think one of the requirements is a tie and also a suit. As long as honorable members are in a tie and a suit and a shirt or anything related to that, I think they are properly dressed. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable members, I think the House cannot be taken for granted. Those members who have been named, you can leave the chamber, dress and return. The two honorable members who have been named, leave the chamber, dress and return. I cannot see you, honorable member.

*(Applause)*

May the debate proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to appear defensive to the questions raised, especially the questions on the budget by the executive. But Mr. Speaker, we know very well that whatever we pass here today will have a direct impact on the activities of the County Government of Machakos.

When you look at the budget for decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities, the capital or development budget, most of the expenses is going to the purchase of vehicles at Ksh. 115m, this is money going to purchase of vehicles that will be used at the ward level, they will support revenue collection, they will support administration of ministries like ministry of education. Little money has gone for construction of buildings. The finance minister did not allocate money for other running expenses like collection of garbage. My fear Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that if we do away with this allocation of Ksh. 46m for the County Image Directorate, we will have our centers stinking.

We will have investors being unable to invest in Machakos and not only Machakos town, but also our centers. The Executive is passionate about this department and I would urge members that the figures be retained as the budget process does not end with the passing of this budget because this House has an oversight role. In every quarter, we are going to receive the Outlook paper from the minister of finance.

We can closely monitor how this executive government is spending this money. I would suggest that the figures be retained so that we do not stifle the executive. We may cut down the cost so much that the executive is not able to perform its noble duty of offering services to the members of Machakos County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Now hon. chairman, I think the question you need to answer is on the part of sanitation. I think that is the concern of that member and is there double allocation on one item?



**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, the answer that I gave to the house, was the answer that I enquired from the minister of finance because I want to appreciate the concern of member who raised the question. That was also the concern by the members of budget committee and once they gave us that answer, we found that it is appealing. We just want to imagine that we want this county to appear good.

I honestly did not furnish myself on the two items on the County Image Directorate and that issue of sanitation. But I want to belief when you talk of sanitation under the ministry of water, I don't think the intent of the minister was that the sanitation element would just include collection of garbage, planting of flowers, sweeping and cleaning our roads in the County. I want to belief sanitation as tied to the ministry of water is different from the budget allocation for the county image directorate.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, the leader of Minority.

**Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with the chairman of the budget committee and if you happen to go to developed countries, you will find that every city has a department of image. It cuts across from the sweeping of the streets to landscaping of the town. Last year, we happened or the previous regime, we went all the way to Kigali. And in the capital city of Rwanda is Kigali and they have an image directorate which deals with the cleanliness of the town. So I mean to understand if this one gets the image of the town and I kindly request the Assembly, if it can pay a ticket for member of County Assembly for Muthwani to go to Kigali on a study tour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. When this honorable member says that I be funded for a tour.....

**Hon. Speaker:** Ok you can proceed but that point of order has not been given.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform my learned friend, the Leader of Minority that I have been to Kigali and I can give you the features of Kigali and I believe I was the latest person to go to Kigali town. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable member, can you tell us what you mean by learned friend.

**Hon. Maitha:** Pardon Mr. Speaker, sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** What do you mean by a learned friend when you address the honorable member as a learned friend?

**Hon. Maitha:** I am not getting you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** You addressed the Hon member as a learned friend, what did you exactly mean?

**Hon. Maitha:** I strongly belief, he is a learned friend because he can communicate in English for the House to hear.

*(Laughter)*

So Mr. Speaker, as I have told him, I understand Kigali very well, and if he wants me to give him an oversight and green light how it looks like I would do that free of charge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much learned friend,

**Hon. Ndeto:** I would like first to congratulate the budget team for the work they have done within a very short time of period. I want to state two issues one about sanitation in which the honorable member was questioning. Members you remember very well, when we met the minister, Eng. Maliti, in this chamber, he very well indicated that sanitation has to do with sewerage within the town. That is one. The other one is about the County Image Directorate.

You remember very well, once a time we met with His Excellency the Governor and he made a statement about somebody coming to borrow some money from you. One with crumpled clothes and another one well dressed. And if you can remember, that is the day when His Excellency stated about the County Image Directorate. And I would kindly request members, that we accept this department because it is a department which I strongly believe, the way His Excellence explained to us, it will bring a picture of Machakos County in a better way. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Any other contribution? Yes. And before the hon. member speaks, does this sanitation include sewerage systems?

**Hon. Matheka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir, and the House at large. Mine is a question to the budget chairman. According to my own thinking, I thought, we would get an itemized budget. I think in the morning, we got something from the ministry of transport, roads and housing although it is not any official document in this House but I thought the other ministries will follow suit and give us an itemized budget of what will be done, where and when.

The ministry of health and emergency services, water, irrigation, agriculture and education and youth ought to have given us itemized budget covering all the 40 wards. To give an example Mr. Speaker, sir, in transport, road and public works, it was clearly indicated that the development budget Ksh. 600m will go to the wards which is Ksh. 15m per ward. Then the other money was supposed to go to the new city which will do the infrastructure. So I thought the other ministries which are equally doing development issues like the ministry of transport will follow suit and given us similar things, so that in future, when all development projects are concentrated in one ward, or in a particular area, we can come into this House and question what is happening.

But with a blanket lump sum of like water Ksh. 700m, I am afraid. Mr. Speaker sir, my other question goes to the chairman also on the County Image Directorate. I thought that will be a department under the County Executive Services. But it is coming as an item on its own as if the County Image Directorate is a Ministry, in the Government of Machakos. So Mr. Chairman I need also a clarification on that and I tend to think the money allocated to the County Executive Services is too much for a recurrent budget. You should have slashed that money and taken it to development budget. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. You can react on those questions.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate the change of heart from the honorable member from Muthwani. He has admitted that he has seen what the County Image Directorate can do when he confessed that he has been to Kigali and he saw the cleanliness of the town. And Mr. Speaker, on the itemized budget, that the hon. member who has just spoken, said, you

remember we had a session with all the ministers, save for the minister on roads and public works.

All other ministers did not present an itemized budget and that is why in the recommendation to this House by the committee on budget, we have recommended that the executive committee member on finance should furnish this House with an itemized budget on all the departments that is the ministries that had earlier on not done so because we have the powers to compel them to do so. So it is not the committee on budget that made the budget, ours was just to interrogate the budget and make recommendations to this House. So that is why we have said, they did not present to us itemized budget, and they should be made to do so.

However, on the budget for the Executive Services, members you realize that in the original draft, which was presented to us by the member on finance, it had Ksh. 923m. As a committee on budget, we recommended for slashing Ksh. 194m from that department to a figure of around Ksh. 729m and that money, part of it out of the Ksh. 194m, only Ksh. 41m came to the County Assembly the rest went to the ministry of education, and the ministry of health. This is all money for the County.

We have only reallocated and we have recommended to the House to accept the recommendations and I want to reiterate that what the committee on budget has brought here is not just their own work. It is reformed by the deliberations that we had with the ministers and as recommended by the sectoral chairs because what we have put here is what the sectoral chairs brought to us. And we had a meeting with them, they brought their own recommendations and since all these members participated, this is a product of their whole work.

So I was expecting since for a whole week, they deliberated on this, they would adopt so that the next move can be taken Mr. Speaker. The County image directorate is key to the County. Remember according to the law, we are not supposed to add the budget from the allocation of Ksh. 8 billion. We are only allowed to reallocate as a budget committee. But members I plead don't kill this county image directorate.

I know the members have the power to do away with it and reallocate the money. But I would urge that it is very key to this county and we should nurture it and find a way of how the money can be monitored that it is used in the right manner that it present the desired results other than killing it altogether. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Yes. Then we can have Mheshimiwa Machakos after that.

**Hon. Ngui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, my concern still goes to the County Image Directorate. We need your advice to know whether it is in order to allocate monies to a department that does not legally exist. Because all the departments which are here all of them passed through this house and we passed them. Secondly..... *interruption*

**Hon. Speaker:** Just repeat, I did not get your question.

**Hon. Ngui:** We need your advice whether it is in order to allocate some money a department that does not legally exist because the County Image Directorate was not passed by this House. Secondly as much as we want this Machakos County to be clean, good looking and all that, can this money be re-allocated from the County Image Directorate to the ministry of environment to do the work of sanitation, cleaning and all that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Thank your Mr. Speaker, sir, and the entire House at large. I have an issue with the County Image Directorate. First and foremost, we are addressing a body which has not been passed in this House and we are allocating our funds to an entity which is illegal to this House. The constitution stipulates clearly Article 185 (4) says that ‘a county assembly may receive and approve plans and policies for;

- (a) The management and exploitation of the county resources and
- (b) The development and management of its infrastructure and institution.

Now, in comes the issue of management of institutions. Here we are, trying to manage our institution through proxy and this is something we cannot accept because even by its own making, it is appearing as if it is a ministry within the Executive of Machakos County Government. And I think, if I am not wrong, it is just another way of fleecing the County. Because, first and foremost all the duties which have been allocated into this Image Directorate are duplicate of duties which are elsewhere. For instance, operational expenses they are catered for by the boards of the Municipal of Mavoko, Kangundo and all other devolved units. I think, Mr. Speaker, we are being taken for a ride. If we pass this issue with the Image Directorate, it is an entity which is not known to this house. It is just appearing as amorphous and we cannot accept that.

Mr. Speaker, I still have another issue, with the County Executive. In the County Executive, we have in page 2 of 16. We are addressing vote number 22113112 about confidential expenditures. And below it other expenses, social responsibilities. We manage to slash a bit of the amount in those two votes. But in my feeling, if it is to sustain the vote, because we don't know what it is and you cannot give a vote by the name confidential yet you are not addressing what it can do. I have a feeling that we just sustain the vote by leaving just Ksh. 100 to maintain the vote. Because we cannot brush away the vote we just leave Ksh. 100 to maintain the vote.

And because Mr. Hon Speaker, it cannot be good for us in this House to pass this document with amendments together with Appropriation Bill. I am proposing to this House, Mr. Speaker if so allowed, we first forward the document with amendments and if it comes with the clean amendments, we pass the Appropriation Bill. We cannot be taken for a ride, because if we pass this document with amendments and they are not effected, we are going to go to the drain. So, I am requesting.....Mr. Speaker, protect me. So Mr. Speaker, I am requesting, we forward this document with amendments but not put forward the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for protecting me. I had already been thrown out of the House but I had that intention to talk. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Welcome. Honorable member for Machakos Central you have only addressed the House, you have not given your proposal. What are you exactly proposing?

**Hon. Kitheka:** My proposal Mr. Speaker, is because this Image Directorate is performing the duties of the environment ministry, half of the money, should be forwarded to that Ministry and the rest of the money should be given to the devolved units, shared so that they can perform those purported duties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us have your vice-chair. Where is your vice-chair? Hon. Rachael.

**Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. I just want to talk very little about the Image Directorate, taking us back to when it was introduced by His

Excellency the Governor. And according to many of us and those we were together yesterday, I am surprised to hear my colleague hon. Kitheka for Machakos Central talking of confidential vote and we were all there and agreed that we slash Ksh. 30,000 and we remain with Ksh. 6,000 in that order. So I do not see the need of going back to some things and yet we were together with him.

According to me, concerning the image directorate, and according to the situation in our wards, like for Syokimau/Mlolongo, I have very many youths who are jobless and we cried to his Excellency, the Governor to create ways of bring jobs in our wards and according to me that is one of the ways to bring job opportunities in our wards. If we say we have jobs through County Public Service Board and we know these people are qualified people and Image Directorate is all about garbage collection, is all about planting trees and flowers and many youths are not learned, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

According to me, our problem is we don't know who is the Head of the Image Directorate? How they are going to carry it on? If they can give us the way they are going to implement it in our wards, I support it and I would like to see my youths in my ward being employed. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Let us now hear the Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Nganga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a suggestion on the issue of image directorate. According to my understanding it is well intended but we have a problem with its management and Mr. Speaker, if we go back to when the Governor was addressing this House, in his speech, he outlined the various dockets and ministries that Machakos County will have that have been given various vote heads in the budget that we are discussing today.

Now for the idea to be well captured, it was my suggestion that this House in its wisdom would place the ministry or the Image Directorate with the vote heads as allocated under the ministry of environment and natural resources so that it can be able to undertake the varied envisioned duties while we are sure that the money would be in safe hands. Because when we give money to a department which has not yet been established, Mr. Speaker, I am also of the same feeling that money may not be in the custody of somebody who we can question.

But if we put the department just as whole as it is, under the ministry of land, energy, environment and natural resources, then we shall call the minister to account at any point in time when the department has not done its duties as it is required. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us have the budget chairman and particularly tell us, do we have a department called County Image Directorate.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to mention again that I belong to the Legislature, I am not a member of the Executive and it will be wrong for me to stand here appear defensive on issues that touch the Executive.

*(Applause)*

But I just want to believe, just like the Governor came up with the 10 dockets and appointed ministers who were vetted by this House to those dockets, I want to agree with our members that we should not treat County Image Directorate as an independent body like a ministry. I would buy the idea that it be annexed to a ministry, either the Environment Ministry

as my colleague has said, or under the decentralized units. But as an accountant or a finance person, my only concern is not only the legalities or where to place this or that but to maintain the figures. We can lift it with its money and place it directly under a minister so that the essence should be we have our towns clean whether it is directly under Governor or under a minister, to me that will be secondary, but let us protect the allocation given to it.

That is what I would prefer Mr. Speaker and Mr. Speaker while the budget committee came up with this recommendation, it was very generous, the committee was very generous, it worked closely with the various chairs. In fact, some of the amounts mentioned were recommended by some of the members who now seem to have changed their heart. The figure on confidential expenditure, I want to be honest, it is Hon. Kitheka from Machakos Central who recommended to the budget committee to take Ksh. 30m from Ksh. 36m and retain Ksh. 6m. Why is he now suggesting that we only leave Ksh. 100?

I think it is good enough to be honest with ourselves, to be responsible with what we do outside and what we do here. Let us not make politics out of it, we worked together, all the chairs in this House worked together with the budget committee. Let the budget committee not appear, like now it is an arm of the Executive which has come to this House to defend the position of the Executive in the House. We are one team in the County Assembly of Machakos not a team that has come from the Executive to defend the budget here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. member. Just for information, the office of the Speaker is aware that everybody participated in the formation of this instrument. So we should attack it with decorum. It is part of your document. Before that particular member speaks, hon. members, are we in agreement that County Image Directorate be deleted from the budget, be removed and be taken to the Ministry of land, energy, environment and natural resources?

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Ngunzi:** That was my issue Mr. Speaker, that we don't move the County Image Directorate, from where it is to environment and natural resources but to decentralize the units, urban areas and municipalities because it is all addressing the issue of making our towns beautiful. So we cannot move it to environment that is dealing with hills and mountains and trees and natural resources. So my suggestion is we move it to decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, or point of order?

**Hon. Ndeto:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I tend to disagree with that member, though the whole house seems to agree, simply because when we talk of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities, they are very well explained the areas they do cover. When it comes to County Image Directorate, it covers the whole County so I personally propose it goes to land, energy, environment and natural resources. Because by doing so, it will cover even areas which are outside the decentralized units. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon members, I think there is a ministry for Tourism and Culture may be you think about that.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the hon. member who has just left this place that the Decentralized units, is a department within the County. It is not a

department within Machakos Town or Kangundo. So it is covering the entire County of Machakos. So to move it to environment, it will not serve the purpose. Let us bring it to decentralized units because those units are the ones which need this close attention of cleanliness and other issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes we can hear.

**Hon. Katela:** My question goes to Ministry of Transport, Roads and Public Works.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon member, you are out of order. Take your seat.

**Hon. Kasimu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the issue of the County Image Directorate but I would like to advise members that as we discuss this issue, let us also think about the ministry of Tourism and because this one is dealing with the image and image will also deal with attraction of tourists in our major towns in the county. So it is good we move it but let us move it to a place that it will fit and where it will be able to work effectively. Because if we take it to the ministry that they are suggesting, the environment ministry or the decentralized units, it will not be serving the purpose and will not maximize its potential.

So for its capacity to be fully realized, let us put it to the tourism ministry. It is a suggestion. Because it is dealing with the issue of the image of the County and the landscaping and the bottom line is, it is to attract tourists and investors in our major towns in the County. I stand to be corrected and the other thing Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that the issue here is that we spend quite a number of hours in the whole day yesterday, with all the chairmen of various sectoral committees, hon. member Machakos Central, hon. member the chairman for roads and the Deputy Speaker and they would have given their suggestion on behalf of their committees. So that we don't waste more time here and then after that---

**Hon. Speaker:** Overruled (*declines pointer of order from a hon. member*)

**Hon. Kasimu:** ..... and then after that we bring to the House something that we have gone through. So the chairman of budget and his committee, we waited for the chairmen to give their approval and what they had discussed with their respective committees but we are shocked here as a committee having been with the chairmen and the Deputy Speaker the whole day yesterday they come up here with other suggestions. Hon member for Machakos Central is the one who said we take Ksh. 30m from the confidential account and we leave Ksh. 6m for operation. So he comes up again and says we give that department Ksh. 100.

That is a slap on the face of the budget committee and we are shocked to learn that there are members who are not serious and who are not taking the business of the house seriously. When you go to a committee to present as a chairman of another committee, take that business serious and know that you are representing a committee and representing a ward as a hon. member. So please, keep that honor and respect yourself. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much.

**Hon. Kyuli:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, chairman Budget.

**Hon. Kyuli:** Now that Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are all in agreement that we retain this Image Directorate but move it to serve under an authority that is actually from this particular House. I want to second that this particular department be moved to the Ministry of Tourism, because when we talk about Tourism, we talk about image. You cannot attract any person to come into dirt. If it is about collection of garbage, if it is about beautification, we are trying to attract. So

therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second the hon. member who was here saying that we move it to the ministry of tourism so that we also gain from what the particular department will be doing. Because when we attract tourists, we also gain. So for this County to also gain so as to maximize a big part of this money, that is set aside, then let us attract tourists and therefore we also earn from the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. Hon. Member for Machakos Central. We are taking a little too long on this question, so try to be brief.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Ok thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify the stand which we made and the stand which we are taking with the Deputy Speaker and other like-minded chairmen. Mr. Speaker, what we suggested when we were in that meeting, we said that, we are going to come and make a verdict here in the floor of the House. So Mr. Speaker, I don't think the hon. members went away from our decision. But let us place that department in a ministry. I am not all that rigid on where we place it. Let us place it in any ministry so long as it is an independent ministry. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of Order?

**Hon. Kyuli:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, is it in order for members we elected as chair persons to come and discuss issues that they sat and discussed in a hotel or elsewhere in front of this House Mr. Speaker. We are not interested in whatever they discussed, Mr. Speaker. Let them discuss and if it is official, Mr. Speaker, let them give somebody to present the matters that they discussed to this House in the proper manner, Mr. Speaker Sir. So let us not be engaged in wars. They are trying to wash their dirty linen in this particular House, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Speaker has agreed with that member that it is out of order to bring the way you conducted your business in those hotels. Let us proceed with debate.

**Hon. Nduva:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think we should let this issue of County Image Directorate to rest. I am a member of the budget committee and I have felt that the Chairman Budget committee has no problem in allocating this department to a ministry so that if malpractices happen, we will be in a position to call that minister. And I have heard members suggesting ministry of tourism, decentralized units, Mr. Speaker, I request this House to vote for which ministry the directorate should go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I think it is the high time we put the question that the County Image Directorate be deleted from the budget estimate presented and relocated to the ministry of Tourism and Culture.

*(Loud consultations)*

Just wait. We have three minutes to propose, so I am going from Ministry to ministry. So it will appear that the House is not ready to take the ministry of tourism and culture and we can have the same amendment county image directorate deleted from the budgetary estimates and be relocated to the ministry of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities.

*(Applause)*



It appears members that there is no need of putting the matter to vote, there is general acceptance that it goes there. Thank you very much. Then the budgetary estimates are accordingly amended. Let us proceed. Any other issue coming from the budget committee? Let us hear the chair.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, this House took enough time to interrogate the budget through the Sectoral Committees and everyone was involved. We have a duty as a House to ensure after discussing these estimates in the House, that we also take time to pass the Appropriation Bill as amended and we have a timeline Mr. Speaker, that by June, 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 that the necessary bills must be passed.

Taking into consideration that we only have this week and there is an exchange between this house and the Executive because the Appropriation Bill must be assented by the Governor, I would beg that we proceed to accept their estimates as presented and that we bring to the House the Appropriation Bill so that we don't take too much time dwelling on the issues that we all agreed before tabling into this House because time is of essence to the members of the house and entirely for the County Government of Machakos which is the Executive arm and the Legislature. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon members, if I heard the Chairman, he is basically putting on a motion that we approve the estimates as amended. Yes.

**Hon. Matheka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is good the Chairman has brought us the Appropriation Bill, we pass it together.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Appropriation Bill is not yet before the House.

**Hon. Matheka:** He wants to bring it so that we can pass it.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is not yet before the House.

**Hon. Matheka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for that correction. I would like to suggest this. When something is needed to be done in this House, time is mentioned as of essence and we wonder why time is mentioned when things want to be rushed in this House. It is my suggestion that before the Appropriation Bill comes to this House, the necessary changes be made in the budget and we get the itemized budget as I asked the chairman, so that we can know exactly what appropriations we are passing. We might pass a lump sum budget which will not serve our wards.

So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am reminding this House, we once rushed something and passed it in the floor of the House unanimously. And hon. members we should not repeat the same mistake again in this House. My point is we should get the itemized budget and the necessary changes which were recommended by the chairman of budget be effected so that we can pass something which we can see in black and white but not something which we are told will be done tomorrow or the day after. 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 is six days from now, the necessary changes can be made and we pass the budget even if it means sitting down until midnight, before 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** May be for a point of guidance, the issues raised by that member are exactly the proceedings we are going on now. Immediately you propose an amendment, the proceedings are being recorded and that amendment is effected. We don't need to go out and amend the budget and bring it again, we are doing it by the way. Let's proceed.

**Hon. Nganga):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a proposal on an amendment on the estimates presented. In page 4, the report of the committee there is a proposal under ministry of health and emergency services that we increase the construction of residential buildings from Ksh. 5 million to Ksh. 20 million and non-residential buildings from Ksh. 110 million to Ksh. 115 million. I was of the idea that we amend that and we retain the Ksh. 5 million for construction of buildings and the Ksh. 110 million for construction of non-residential buildings and Ksh. 20 million that will be saved from that amendment be added to the ministry of trade, economic planning and industrialization. On page 5, of the Budget Estimates under vote 3110200 on construction of market stalls.

I would like to make a proposal that the Ksh. 45 million allocated for the market stalls that we know are sensitive and central to revenue collection for this county but as much as we would want to increase the earnings of the traders but also consider the avenues of generating income for this county to push its development agenda. I propose that the Ksh. 20 million saved from the ministry of health be re-allocated to the ministry of trade, economic planning and industrialization be re-allocated towards construction of market stalls across our county in the market centres we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. That is a new issue raised. Members in support of that amendment?

**Hon. Kyuli:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when we are trying to budget for funds, let us think of the places that we come from. We are politicians and elected for five years. The things you will do during the five years, maybe the electorate will consider you again. Mr. Speaker, I am in support of that we slash Ksh. 20 million and allocate the same to the ministry of trade for construction of sheds because it is like the people who were allocating funds for sheds were looking at only four or five wards. When we were interrogating this with the minister, we made suggestions that in that item of sheds, we will have to add some money. We gave that suggestion to the committee concerned.

Now that it has not been reflected and there is some money that other ministries are proposing to add and in that particular committee, I was also there, we did not see it as proper. We saw it proper that for every member, we allocate money to construct sheds. The sheds will protect our people and raise revenue. I am, in support of this amendment. Let us support it because it will directly help us in the wards also. I even gave the suggestion to the minister of trade when we were interrogating the budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Kanui:** I am opposed to moving money from the health docket. A healthy nation is wealthy nation. It can build sheds but we don't need to withdraw money from the ministry of health. Let it come from another ministry but not the department of health. Thank you.

**Hon. Muinde:** The debate on whether to re-allocate Ksh. 20 million from the County Executive services and recommended for re-allocation to the ministry of health and now that members are coming up with the idea that it go to construction of sheds, I want to urge members to weigh between construction of more market stalls or making money available for construction of more staff quarters for nurses and doctors so that health services are given to the people. It's a question of priority. We have catered for businesses and especially women through grants and all that. I want to defend the position of the budget committee that we still give priority to health

and emergency services by providing quarters so that medical staff can be on call. If they are not there, perhaps they stay far away, danger could be lurking.

I want to mention that when coming up with the budget, the old economic question of scarcity, limited resources against unlimited human want. If there was more money, we would double this budgetary allocation. Because we were dealing with limited resource, we had juggle between allocating this money to the various unlimited needs. That was the best this committee could do. We pray that in the next financial year, and with more funds coming, perhaps we could be able to allocate money for the market stalls.

We cannot finish all the problems of Machakos County with one financial year's budget. The issue of progression to the subsequent years should be observed. We defend the position as a committee because we thought about it some the members taking that position were part of us and part of that decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us hear that member.

**Hon. Nzoka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker you have seen me. I have been lifting my hand but you could not see. I am supporting that no single cent should be moved from health. Members, if you go to the health facilities, there are no staff quarters. Again, you find health facilities do not have laboratories such that you cannot even be tested for malaria. We need to build laboratories so that we have facilities that are well-equipped so that patients do not have to be referred elsewhere for testing and then coming back for treatment. We have to be careful. We know that we do not have money to do everything at once. In health, if you go and see the health facilities, you shall see a problem where one has to be referred somewhere else for testing and come back for medication.

In some health facilities in my ward in the interior, nurses sleep far off and have to ride motorcycles. They report to work late and their excuse is that they do not have staff quarters. We have to take care so that the facilities can function even at night. When you have a problem at night, you find the doctor is not around because he lives 10 kilometers away. Can we try to sort out that problem as members of Machakos County Assembly? Thank you.

**Hon. Nganga:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to shed more light on why we should move this money to various dockets. If you look at the suggestion by the budget committee, we already have Ksh. 110 million allocated for construction of non-residential buildings. We are only slashing Ksh. 5 million for construction of market sheds. I am also suggesting that the Ksh. 15 million added to the Ksh. 5 million will add up to Ksh. 20 million. In setting up market stalls, we are going to empower the people to do business and give them a chance to seek competitive medical attention in case they fall ill. We can come up with a socialist budget that will fund people's projects that are not going to bring returns to the economy. When we invest in projects that improve the purchasing power of our people, we will make them take care of their individual concerns.

If you look at budgets of many countries, you realize they do not factor much of the money for provision of health services because if you empower the people, they will be in a position to take care of their health issues. I am suggesting that we find it, in our wisdom, the essence of empowering people to run their own lives other than inverting our priorities and offering services free for people who can earn enough to take care of their medical issues. If we

set up proper sheds, the people can work effectively and be of much help to the people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. I think that point has been made and it is important we put the Question for those in support of the amendment.

*(Question was put and negatived)*

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to address this House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, my concern goes to recurrent estimates for the decentralized units. According to my opinion, it is on our side because the development estimates is on the lower side. If some little money can be slashed from the recurrent budget estimates from the decentralized units and be re-allocated to the development purposes in the same ministry. The other concern is about the money allocated for County Assembly services. During the time we were interrogating the estimates, we had requested that amount be increased from Ksh. 850 million to Ksh. 1.2 billion but I can see it has remained the same. I would like the budget chairman to clarify on the same or the House to debate on the same. On the issue of..... Let me stop there. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Budget chairman, maybe you can clarify that.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, we have to appreciate that the budget-making process is not an easy game. A lot of calculations, a lot of balance acts must be undertaken. We cannot make a blanket declaration of moving an amount to the other this vote to the other or recurrent to development. In coming up with the recurrent expenditure estimates for decentralized units, calculations and estimates were made and this department has many vehicles that will be used in revenue collection at the ward level.

The hon. member would have done a better service to the House to suggest which areas in recurrent expenditure for the decentralized units to hive money. You may find we don't have money to fuel the vehicles for the revenue collection which is key to raising money from local sources. We need to have the vehicles moving and personnel able to work. It is almost impractical to have money moved from the recurrent expenditure of the decentralized units to development. What we have was the best the executive could do and after the budget committee looked at it we didn't think we should do something.

On the Question of the County Assembly budget, the hon. member has not told the House why we need to move from Ksh. 850 million which is now Ksh. 890 million to Ksh. 1.2 billion. He has not provided for what is not catered for, that in case we don't increase the estimates for the Assembly, in which areas we are going to stall the operations of this House. His comments should have been tied together with suggestions on the expenditure and we also need to have the Executive being able to execute its mandate at the ward level.

We cannot have all the money here in the Assembly and do not allow the Executive implement the budget. We need money for water, support for education and energy, not in the Assembly but at the ward level where money of the County government is changing lives of wananchi who voted for these members. I feel as the budget chairman and the entire committee, that the Assembly budget is sufficiently financed and, if we keep austerity measures, we are going to sufficiently execute our mandate of without running out of resources. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is only fair we hear the member who put the question but perhaps before you react, I would ask whether you presented the proposals to the committees as you were sitting.

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** We had presented the proposal and agreed that the money for County Assembly to be increased. One of the reasons was that hon. members had requested for the money of mortgage to be put in place. They had also requested for car grant for the hon. members to be increased from Ksh. 2 million to Ksh. 3 million.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that hon. member is misleading the House and I want bring to the attention of the Chair that we might be transacting business in a House without quorum.

**Hon. Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Have you gained your sight? There is no quorum. The other question is of the issue of vehicles in the entire budget estimates. There is Ksh. 728 million meant for purchase of vehicles. If we go by calculation and say that a good vehicle can be bought at Ksh 2 million, we will be buying 364 vehicles in this one year. I tend to wonder, are we coming up with a company to sell vehicles or will they be used? If so, the vehicles will still come with other costs like fuel, insurance and other overheads which are not reflected in the estimates. I wish to know from the budget chairman because I raised the issue yesterday and it was not responded to accordingly. Before he answers, I request you to know about the quorum.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, fears have been expressed about the issue of quorum. Is that the position Mr. Clerk? How many members are in the House? We have quorum. Proceed.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Muinde:** thank you Mr. Speaker before I respond to the question by the hon. member for Machakos Central, I want to record that the kind of business we are transacting today, if we don't pass this estimates today, this House will be treading on dangerous ground. We may not be able to pass our Budget within the constitutional timeline. What will the members of the public talk about the County Assembly of Machakos? It is a pity that members can leave serious business of this House unfinished.

Now, on the question on allocation of money for vehicles, it should be noted that this is the first financial year after the birth of the County governments and a lot of money must be go to the foundations of operations of the County government. One, the vehicles. Part of this money is going to purchase of 70 ambulances which are classified as vehicles but this is money mean for vehicles at the ward level. The hon. member would do a service to this House by saying that since the money allocated for the vehicles is too much, that he volunteers to forego the two ambulances perhaps earmarked for his ward so that the money can go to purchase of vehicles.

Secondly, it is not all vehicles that will cost Ksh. 2 million. Various ministries will have different kind of vehicles. There are ministries that will need heavy vehicles because of the work they will do. For example, the ministries of roads and water, the vehicles earmarked for purchase cannot go for Ksh. 2 million because they will be carrying equipment. They will need to travel from Machakos town to the farthest corners of the county like Masinga, Yatta and Ndithini where a Subaru cannot travel well here. Some of the vehicles will take much more money.

It would be erroneous Mr. Speaker to allege that 360 vehicles be purchased just because some simple mathematics has been done to divide the allocation by Ksh. 2 million. The vehicles may take as high as Ksh. 6 million so that was a statement by a member meant to mislead this House. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. We can now have that hon. member and then lastly that member.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker once again for recognizing my raised arm. I appreciate the adoption of the transfer of the County Image Directorate from a single entity to the ministry of decentralized units, and now I want to make my proposals on the amendment of that. The Ksh. 45 million given to that department that has been taken to another ministry, if you check, there are expenses for stationery, purchasing and supplies, printing and publishing and general supplies. If you go to the same ministry where the directorate has been taken to, there is provision for the same. I propose that we move Ksh. 5 million from the Image directorate instead of patching.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, you are out of order.

**Hon. Maitha:** Mr. Speaker, I think we passed the amendment but I beg you to take my proposal.

**Hon. Speaker:** I will urge you to sit down. You are out of order. We do not have a directorate.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** This House cancelled County Image Directorate. It is not in existence.

**Hon. Kalunde:** Obviously, the budget committee and the chairmen of all sectoral committees have not taken the budget seriously. They have met for so many times including yesterday. I wonder why most of them changed mind on what they had planned to present to the House today. I propose now that we pass the budget as it is now.

**Hon. Kasimu:** I second that we pass the budget as it is.

**Hon. Speaker:** With that, members we can conclude today's business by posing the question that the budgetary estimates as presented by the budget and appropriation committee today for revenue and expenditure for the year 2013/14 be admitted and approved by the House as amended by today's debate.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Hon. Members we will have a break for 15 minutes and we will come back to the House for other business. Thank you very much.

*(The House went for a short break)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Sergeant-at-Arms, this member is out of order, escort him out of the House. *(referring to a hon. member)*. This is a continuation of the sitting we had earlier in the day and we can proceed. Now, I invite the budget chairman.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, you adjourned the sitting for 15 minutes and as the chairman of the budget and appropriation committee, present the Appropriation Bill of Machakos County

Government 2013. I seek your indulgence Mr. Speaker, because realize the time that was allocated was not enough to incorporate the amendments proposed by members and come up with a fine Appropriation Bill taking into consideration the figures as amended by member. I request for more time to be able to present this Appropriation Bill tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. If allowed, I would appreciate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. I hope there is no member in opposition. The application for adjournment is reasonable unless there is a member in opposition to it.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Then the House adjourns until tomorrow morning. Thank you very much. Have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 5.35 p.m.