

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 24th March, 2014**

The House met at 9.39 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****MOTIONS AND BILLS****SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION 2013/14***(First Reading)*

Hon. Isaac Muinde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to table the supplementary budget appropriation bill to be read for the first time today, 24th March, 2014. I wish to call Hon. Ndumi to second it.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to second the supplementary budget appropriation bill 2013/14 to be read for the first reading today. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to table the supplementary budget appropriation bill for the second reading today, 24th March, 2014. I wish to call upon Hon. Ndumi to second.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION 2013/14*(Second Reading)*

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to second the supplementary budget appropriation bill 2013/14 to be read for the second time today. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon members, the Machakos County Supplementary budget appropriation 2013/14 Bill has now been read for the second time and procedurally, I now call upon the chair of Budget and Appropriation committee to request for the next course of action.

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Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would request that the Assembly turns to a committee of the Whole House.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we will all understand the Bill will have to be addressed within that committee and I will come back and address those other issues. I think I have to overrule you (*addressing a member seeking attention*). Address that issue within the committee of the Whole House. In that committee, every member of the House will be here.

Hon. (Ms.) Sereka: Please obey the Speaker's ruling. I don't see why the member is being told by the Chair to wait and remain standing and talking. Please hon. sit down and obey the rules of the House.

Hon. Speaker: I think, Hon. members, if you can hear me. What we have been going through are just the formal procedures and we are going now to go have active debate at the committee of the Whole House.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for Committee read)

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chair (Mr. Isaac Muinde) took the Chair]

Hon. Nzeki:(*inaudible*) Each end, if not so, it remains the 72. Thank you, Mr. Chairman

(Applause)

Hon. Muinde: Hon. Ndalana, sorry for that.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I want to support what hon Cecilia has said. I have seen with my eyes. The Image directorate has been working 24 hours in this county.

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You can see our stadium, what they have done for 24 hours. Our park, what they have done. I think it is better we give them more money than this. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Muinde: Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much our hon. hard-working chairman. On a very sincere note, I want us to share some experience. Our chairman, have an experience of travelling outside and what Machakos county image is trying to do, is trying to attract investors, locally and internationally. So, my hon. chairman, if you want us to move and if you want the Machakos to be seen to be doing things, this is one of the image he is trying to attract the investors. In any country that wants to develop, we cannot be blind; we cannot go back to 1960s. We are talking about countries like Singapore, Malaysia. This is one of the departments that is trying to give Machakos a face, that any investor who comes in feels comfortable and to see Machakos that is moving. It is one of the departments, personally through the experience and through some of the areas that I visited overseas, we want to go there. Experience is the best teacher. Thank you chairman, we should move on. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you chairman. Mine is to support the money, even when we can give them Ksh. 100 million because the money is very little and the people who want to work in that department are so many. Even me I have taken people there and i was told there is no money for them to work.

(Applause)

Hon. Chairman: Members I can feel the mood is that the money allocated is even less but since we may not have more votes to add, I think at that moment, I want to put the question I propose that the question, that clause (2) be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 3 -D 0011

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Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014, for the department of decentralized unit, urban areas and municipalities for capital expenditure, including general administration, planning and operations. Ksh 40 million.

Hon. Muinde: Yes. Allowed.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Chairman, just wanted to draw to your attention, that one Alfred is crying at the gallery so can somebody take care of that, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: You mean there is a one Alfred in the chamber?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Chairman, it is a child who was crying and I know his name is Alfred Mutua, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: That can be sorted; the Sergeant at Arms can help that.

(Laughter)

Members when we interrogated clause 3 as a budget committee, the figure of Ksh 40 million is not adequate to run that department. The minister proposes security software of Ksh 10 million to be installed in the offices where we run our ICT systems. These are systems that control all the vehicles in the county including the ambulances, the police cars and the inspectorate cars and perhaps some may extend to all the cars within the confines of the county. The department also requests for more security equipment amounting to Ksh 10 million, that is the gadget that go together with the software and they need more housing for the security systems within the county Ksh 50 million that is now pushing the figure to Ksh 70 million over and above the 40 million that is within the Bill.

There was also a request to support the police through hiring houses for them. That is the outposts that are not well-housed. There are some small stations out there within the county and the department had asked for Ksh. 700,000 and the budget committee declined to approve or to recommend to the house the Ksh. 700,000 but approved for the house to recommend the Ksh. 50 million for security housing, the Ksh. 10 million for the software and the Ksh. 10 million for the security equipment amounting to Ksh. 70 million. So, I open the debate for the members to interrogate that clause No. 3 and make the final decision. The floor is open, hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Chairman and the hon members present. Mr. Chairman, you have outlined the plan of spending the Ksh. 40 million, for the Decentralized units. I

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remember we were here sometimes last year and we planned some quite good amount for this Decentralized units. Up to now as I speak Mr. Chairman, we have no reports, totally no reports in this assembly not unless they have come without my consent. That indicates whatever little or more we allocated to them we don't know what it has done. We are now making another move to slash another Ksh 40 million from some departments and give it to the same department

We are speaking about cutting costs, yet we are here increasing amounts to those ministries, to those executive offices to continue spending yet we are talking of cutting costs. Mr. Chairman, we sat the other day and analyzed. Let us take for example, you have said we need to give some amounts for the police vehicles; I have no problem with that. Mr. Chairman we understand that these vehicles are being fuelled at a central place increasing the cost of fuel for those vehicles.

And yet we are here, increasing some more amounts and yet whatever we have given them is not done doing the right thing. Mr. chairman, are we really fair to the electorates of Machakos county, not Muthwani ward, when we allocate this monies and whatever we have allocated has not given us the results that we need. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Well hon. member, I just want to draw to your attention that what I have just mentioned is development expenditure, not a recurrent expenditure. When you talk about fuel for the vehicles, that is a recurrent expenditure, it is the purchase of the vehicle that is part of the development. And the amount that have put forward, is for security systems within the confines of the headquarters. There was nothing like a vehicle, but a tracking system controlled by the computer system within our county.

So we have not mentioned about operational expenditure and secondly, this is a supplementary budget to help the government last to the year ending June 2014. A time is coming for the budget 2014/2105 and it will be the mandate of this house before we allocate any ministry money, that they first account to their own sectoral committees what they have been able to do with the money we have given.

(Applause)

That will come as we make the 2014/2015 budget. This is a request for additional expenditure within the year, since the government must run to the end of the period. Thank you Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Chairman and the house at large. Mr. Chairman, I think we are discussing about the gazetted document and we have a backup of the report from the budget committee. Mr. Chairman, in the budget report, we had itemization of some of the issues which are reflecting squarely in this document. Mr. Chairman, I think before it is too late, you

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should also demonstrate to this house where we are getting the votes from, because it would be very embarrassing for us to take, let us say Ksh one million from the department of water, to take it to the decentralized units, while we know very well the problem in Machakos is enormous. With humility and sobriety, I kindly request to know where we are particularly getting these money. We may be getting money from ministries, where ministers are not working and have relaxed and are not making any impact to this county. We should know any minister who is not working so that at least when we are extracting money from his ministry, we should know, that kind of minister why he did not exhaust the funds.

Secondly, Mr. Chairman, I think it is good for us to be demonstrating all the issues which are in hand. If the issue goes to the members squarely, it should be addressed how the vote have been realized, so that at least every member in this house can be convinced that the money is coming from this vote to this and it is going to take this direction. Mr. Chairman I want to echo one of the members of this house. It has not been proved by the ministries, the money we have given to them, and I know very well, as intelligent as you are, you know there is a lapse in the reporting section of the ministries. They are not reporting squarely on the issues which should be addressed in this house and we go ahead and we give them money which should not exist.

Mr. Chairman, I know very well the law dictates that if you make a supplementary to a vote, you should make a supplementary from an existing vote to an existing vote and I think that lands squarely into our ears. We should make an existing vote to an existing vote on the other side, because the essence here, it is to supplement what has a deficit on the other side. Mr. Chairman, I don't see a situation where we go creating new votes on the expense of people of Machakos while we have existing projects and issues which are pending. Thank you Mr. Chairman

Hon. Muinde: Thank you hon. member. Very well, I want to remind you that when I was presenting the papers sometimes early this month, in this chamber, when I tabled the report saying that the minister finance has forwarded to this house a supplementary budget, I made it clear, this is on additional expenditure and we are not creating new expenditures or creating expenditures based on new allocations. We are reallocating money from those votes that remain unspent or that may not be able to absorb all their monies to the end of the year.

(Applause)

There is no point that some departments are starved of money while others have excess of that will not be spent by the year. The document that I presented to this house and I believe every member has at least three weeks to interrogate the item. You cannot put me on a point of correction.

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(Loud consultations)

You cannot put the chairman on a point of order. I want to say that every member has had the document and it is the belief of the chairman that you had had the time to interrogate and see that;

The minister made a blanket cut of the recurrent expenditure not development, the recurrent expenditure by 50 per cent to create funds for development expenditure which is allowed in law.

(Applause)

Then she went ahead and adjusted the recurrent expenditure of the ministry of health on the consumables- the drugs and instead cutting adjusted upwards because it is a consumable, that requires to be increased. So, members, we are not cutting development expenditure of ministries to create other development expenditure of others but we are re cutting recurrent expenditure and the law allows recurrent expenditure to be cut and increase the development. So, hon. Kalunde.

Hon. Kalunde: Thank you Mr. Chairman and all the hon. members at large. Mr. Chairman, it seems that it is going to take the whole day if you are going to read every vote in this document. I believe that is not illegal.

(Loud consultations)

Protect me Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Member you are protected.

Hon. Kalunde: I am saying, it is going to take the whole day if we are going to read every vote. So Mr. chairman, most of the members are convinced that what is put in this paper is the right thing and for the county and we should be requested to pass it and whoever wants to oppose it can do it. So this people asking for itemized document and this paper shows exactly what every department requires and it is very clear, they have read it and it is quite clear that the majority of the members of this house are convinced that this document is okay. So Mr. Chairman, all we need is, we require your question, whether we pass it or we do not pass it. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon members, the law must be followed. We must read clause after clause, only that if you want to save time, you can avoid taking too much time discussing but we cannot pass it as a blanket document. We have to follow the law. That is the position of the law it is not the position of the chairman. I must also protect it, we must go clause after clause because

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some clauses will require amendments but if you want us to save time hon. members, you can reduce on the time you are taking to discuss. So members, on clause number 3, i propose that the question that Clause 3 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 4- D002

Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of transport, road, public works and housing for units, for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation
Ksh. 388,500,000

Hon. Muinde: Members, when the budget committee met, to interrogate the supplementary and we found that the ministry of transport requires much more than Ksh 388 million and in the request by the ministry is a request to; Maintain roads in Mavoko sub county, it is actually in a mess. The ministry requires Ksh 150 million for the year ending June 2014 to put the roads into a manageable status. The ministry requires, Ksh 550 million for the construction of Makutano-Kithimani road. The ministry also requires Ksh 50 million for the Koma-Kenol road and a further Ksh 15 million added together to those amounts for road signage.

You remember it is a requirement by law, as contractors are on the road and signs must be put on the road. Diversion ahead, diversion of this, kilometers to this area. So for all those works, both in Mavoko sub county, Kithimani -Makutano in Mwala-Kenol, a figure of Ksh15 million, combined with the other request, that puts the figure to.....

So, just somebody work on it. It is 550 plus 50 plus 150 plus the 15 for road signage. But we will work on the figure but now open the debate for members to interrogate that requirement by the ministry of transport. Hon Christine

Hon. (Ms.) Mutune: Thank you Mr. Chair. I want to say that, as a house we cannot hold development hostage. I want to say this, because. One, the things we are doing, it is for the work of our people who brought us here and we cannot stop work down there. For instance, the Makutano -Kithimani road has already started. We cannot say we are not going to give money for that work, so I just want to say, for roads and the expenditures on that category, let us pass this thing without wasting time we should dwell on one thing the whole day. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon. Nzioki.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would say that, this is a very important ministry and we should give them the money they require so that they can improve the infrastructure in Machakos. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon Ndumi.

Hon. (Ms.) R. Ndumi: Thank you chairman. I am a member for budget committee and I want to say this; our roads are very bad. As I came in the morning, those people who use Kenol-Makutano road had a hard time because there was a very bad accident and the road is closed. So what we can do now is quickly we clear this Bill so that we can start working on our roads. Thank you, chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Hon. Kasoa.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you chair, I stand here to support Clause D002 in totality. You understand if that there is one department which wants a lot of money is the ministry for transport and roads. You understand that the roads where I come from, from Kithimani to Makutano has been used as a campaign tool by many politicians for many years. So this is the time to bring the difference for our people in Machakos County. Tarmacking these roads will open up the other regions from the Garrissa road to the Machakos city. So I support that we allocate even more funds for these departments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you. I think it is also honorable to hear the Chairman transport.

Hon. Ngui: Thank you Chairman. Mr. Chairman I want to report to you that, my committee went around the county last week and Mr. Chairman, I tend to think that the money that has been put to this department that is Ksh. 385,500,000 is actually small. This house can consider adding more money to the supplementary because our roads are really impassable, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman you realize that, the minister for transport, allocated 15 million per ward to do five roads in every ward and as we talk to date, one road has been done with Ksh 5 million, we have so many culverts and drifts that need to be done in our roads. Our roads are impassable. So, Mr. Chairman, if this house can consider adding some more money in this department, I will be the happiest man. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon member, I just want to put to your attention that we are only looking at the supplementary for only three roads and the road signage and remind you that the original budget is still being implemented so whatever you had is still being implemented only that the

ministry requires additional expenditure to cater for the three roads that have been mentioned. So the amount..... Order members, order members...

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Muthuka what is your point of information.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you chairman, I tend to think we are acting as if we don't know what brought us here.

(Loud consultations)

I need your protection chairman. That is my thinking---

Hon. Muinde: Hon members, order, order. Hon. Member, when the chairman is on his feet, you sit down. I think members we need to hold ourselves with decorum. This is a public hearing and we should also use the right words. Hon member, this house is made of men and women of integrity, they know what brought them here and it is very healthy to debate. Please member can you withdrawal that statement and continue if you withdraw.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you chairman, I withdraw the statement. The allocation should be done to key departments that give essential and mandatory services to our citizens. And these roads are one of the essential things we can give to our people. But I can sense some ambiguity. From the supplementary briefing that you presented three weeks ago as you have quoted, does not concur with the one that we are discussing especially on that vote of transport. Already you have outlined the roads that we are reallocating money so that the roads can be constructed. To me I support that 100 per cent, but now the problem lies when we have the figures of tallying yet these projects already have started. They require more money that what is appropriated. My suggestion is simple; the document that we are discussing has landed in the house this morning the gazette. The one that we have been having is the one that was given by the minister three weeks ago that we have been studying.

We should also understand, this money is not coming from other areas, it is the money that we had already budgeted during our last financial year and this monies we had budgeted to essential services too and in the statement by the minister, recommendations are very clear; that we recommend revision of the current expenditures with the view to identify savings. Specifically a 50 per cent reduction is recommended to raise savings to fund the wage bill for the devolved functions. Everybody is agreeable with that.

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Secondly, defer some projects which are not likely to commence in the year 2013/2014 to the next financial year. Thirdly reallocate expenditures set aside for certain projects to new priority projects. Chairman, with all due respect, we are debating the vote on transport, which is D002, and the money that we are appropriating is Ksh 388,500,000. And the money that is needed for the projects that we are allocating money to, is more than even Ksh. 650 million as already you have put it. Makutano-Kithimani Ksh 550 million, Kenol-Koma-Kivandini road, Ksh 50 million. We have also road signage.

Hon. Muinde: Hon member, if you were listening to me when the Clerk read the vote, I said the committee sat down and considered the request of the ministry and I did mention the roads, that Kithimani requires 550, Kenol requires 50, Mavoko requires 150 meaning we are passing the clause with the amendment.

Hon. Muthuka: So propose the amendments.

Hon. Muinde: Yes I think I had mentioned it and I thought hon. member, you were actually on the amendment.

Hon. Muthuka: Since we understand that this is the basic essential roads to our county, I propose that we don't give up the amount required to make these roads because already we will have projects which are pending. So I propose maybe we raise the allocation from Ksh 388 million to about ksh 750 million. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Very well. Hon member, actually the right figure is Ksh 750 million. Let us be patient with each other members. 550 plus 150 plus 50 is 750, so plus 15, that is Ksh. 765. Hon. member you are right, so we are passing it with the amendment. Now that we seem to have the consensus, I now propose the question that clause 4 be part of the Bill. I propose the question that clause.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. member, order, order, order. Hon. Nzoka, do you have a different opinion without repeating what other members have said on the three roads? Please can you confine yourself to the roads?

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you. In fact I stand to say that the money which is allocated let me be brief. This Makutano-Kithimani it has been overdue. Also Koma the same and because we are now talking of those roads, can they get at least Ksh 1 billion, not such money. Because to put a

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good tarmac, we don't want a tarmac like the one we have seen which after you construction and within a week, potholes and what have you. We need something to be constructed well so the money which is being said here Ksh 500 million, Kithimani road, is little I think, because we cannot make a good road with less between Ksh 80 and 120 million per kilometer. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you member. Order, members. Members, I want to remind you again that we are dealing with the supplementary budget, not the main budget and the period to the expiry of the period to the year ending June is basically two and half months if not three. We cannot put all the money in one department and all the money stands un-absorbed by the end of the year.

Members in this same chamber, we shall have the time to make the 2014/2015 budget. If the roads absorb all the money and that by June the road requires more money we are the ones to pass a bill here. So, we may want to put all the money there, but the question is; is it going to be absorbed to the last cent by June? We must balance the figures members. So I want to remind you that we are dealing with a supplementary and please consider the period remaining with the expiry of the year. So please members I want to propose the question that clause 4 be part of the Bill. I propose the question that clause 4 be amended to read Ksh. 765 million instead of Ksh. 388 million.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 5- D007

*Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of tourism and culture for units for capital expenditure, including general administration planning and operation
Ksh 60 million*

Hon. Muinde: Members, the budget committee interrogated that request by the ministry and did not change the figures and approved as they are recommending them to the house. I open debate on the figure. Hon. Joshua Mwonga.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Chairman and I want to start by thanking you and your committee. That is committee of budget and appropriation committee. Mr. Chairman before I contribute to clause 5, I want to draw to the attention of this committee that we have 18 clauses and now we are in clause 5. Mr. Chair it has taken us almost two hours to deal with five clauses which means, by the end of today that is by 6 p.m. we will be sitting here if we continue the way we are debating this document.

The hon. Kalunde that is the chairman PAC had a proposal although you said that we should follow the law and the Standing Order but Mr. Chairman I think these members can alter

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some laws and I want to propose that. Instead of taking us through all these clauses once the Clerk reads through the clause, you just ask those who against that clause and those who are in support of that clause so that you can give only one member. Mr. Chairman I need your protection because am just proposing.

Hon. Muinde: Proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): And if I get a seconder to that I think it will be binding Mr. Chairman. So immediately the Chairman reads the clause, those who are against the clause, you just give one to contribute and those who are in support you just give one and then you put the question
Mr. Chair. This one is going to take us two days here and I don't think we have time for this. Mr. Chairman if you can read the mood of the house---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Muinde: Order members. Hon member you can proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Chairman, if you can reach the mood of these Hon. Members here, Mr. Chair, they are for this document and they are not going to make any alterations or amendments to the figures. The only four members who are against this document, they are buying time for other things to happen outside there. That is the information we have. So Mr. Chairman I am proposing that, my proposal be seconded by Hon. Katela, for Muthetheni. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Hon. Muinde: Order, order members. Please hon. Kitheka, can you give me time. Please members let us be patient with each other. I just had said, if you want us to cut down on the time because most of members are just standing to repeat what the other members have said but it is the only proper, that clause after clause be read. We are in a session and we are protected by law. Hon. Kitheka, please can you practice some patience.

Loud consultations

I have heard you many times and I will still give you more time. Be patient. This house has more than 50 members and we also need to reach everyone but I will still give you more times. So it is only proper. There are people who have not talked and they still want to talk, so members I stand by the ruling that we need to read clause after clause. You see we are also

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amending some clauses as we proceed and we are in our chamber. We are protected by law, we are here to pass the supplementary with or without the amendments. Let us follow the law. On a point of order, hon. Nganga, please.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you hon. Chairman and the house at large. I would like to take this opportunity to bring some sense in the manner we are conducting business in the house and first of all request members to exhibit restraint in the manner that they conduct themselves so that the integrity of this house may not be watered down. Hon. chairman, if you also look at our Standing Orders as you have clearly made it clear to us that, Article 124, we are supposed to read clause after clause and further to that Hon. Chairman, by practice, whenever any clause is read then those members that feel they need an amendment should present or propose their amendments to that clause. If there is no amendment being proposed, then that grants us the opportunity to move forward.

(Applause)

So instead of.....it is important that we understand a committee of the whole house is not a committee for deliberations. It is a committee of final amendments to the Bill before it is presented to the house for approval. So in this regard therefore, members are given an opportunity to propose amendments not to discuss or to debate whatever has been included therein. So I want to urge you to guide the house that any member who feels any article that we are moving into feels they have an item that they want altered, if it is about any funds that needs to be increased or decreased, then they should propose an amendment rather than debate the article or the item that has been put therein.

So therefore, going by that way we shall be able to dispense the matters that we have in a quick manner. So I would like to urge members, quickly scan through this paper, see what you feel needs to be increased or decreased and then you propose those amendments, lets tackle them and move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you. Hon. members, it cannot be said better than what the Deputy Speaker has put it and that essence of the house coming to a committee of the whole house that if you feel there is an amendment, the idea is not to shoot everything down. If you have an amendment and you feel justified to bring the amendment, please propose. Everyone will have an opportunity but let us also be sensible on time and let us also know that no one side is outdoing the other. It is our county. The county government must run. This assembly is part of the government and the government must be able to run to the year ending June. And to run this county requires funds. Members I think the vote D007 on the allocation for the department of

tourism has been debated and I have not heard any amendment to the figure of Ksh 60 million being proposed and I therefore propose the question that clause 5 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 6- D009

The amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of trade, economic planning and Industrialization for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation, Ksh. 115 million

Hon. Muinde: Members, that department, when the committee on budget interrogated the vote on that, we found that in the original budget, we put in so little that the department could not construct market stalls and there is need to have market stalls in every ward and now that the only need Ksh. 115 million to be able to construct at least a nice market stall in at least every ward. You remember this is the department that was allocated the least. In fact Ksh 100 million, in the entire year and that was to cater for everything.

You remember the minister Dr. Sunil was crying here and you are the members who told him that you will give him money. This is an opportunity for you to give him money so that he is able to execute. So the committee on budget approved the figure and recommended to the house for approval. Any amendment or proposal? OK, I can see the mood is nice. I propose the question that clause 6 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 7- D007

The amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of emergency and health service for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation, Ksh. 50 million

Hon. Muinde: Members, the figure of Ksh. 50 million would be additional expenditure, to enable the ministry buy drugs. At one time you remember hospitals and dispensaries lacked essential drugs and this further allocation is to enable the department provide drugs and run other development expenditures. The committee approved the request and put to the house to deliberate. The debate is open on that department. Hon Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Chairman, I would request to know the initial vote for that department because of late we have been facing a lot of problems in terms of the procurement of medicine in our hospitals and we would rather pass a vote which will sustain our hospitals within the town and also within the periphery. So Mr. Chairman, I kindly request to know whether this vote we are giving Ksh. 50 million is adequate because it may seem not to be adequate or it may seem to be more. So I kindly request whether the vote which we had given previously is adequate because if it not adequate and we have three months to the end of the budgetary process, I see there is some danger in the allocation of this kind of money to this department because to my realization, I have found that there is a lot of procurement in terms of medicine in this county and we may not meet the kind of expenditure.

So Mr. Chairman, I would request if this money seems to be adequate we can pass without amendment but if this money will still bring us in this house to start passing other supplementary budgets, it may become tedious. To conclude, I wish to put to this house that every ministry, which will be deducted money that should be the ceiling of allocation to that ministry because it has proved that it cannot absorb the money. We better give ministries money which they can absorb instead of coming with this tedious process and mismanagement of supplementary allocations as the president outlined. We wish to make a ceiling to those departments. If a department will have a slash to their money to any other vote, in fact that should be send as the ceiling for that department. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Muinde: Members, order members. Order, we need to practice patience. Hon. members, the original budget is not totally exhausted, this is only additional expenditure and most of this is expenditure in the ministry of health is going to the pharmaceuticals and the non-pharmaceuticals to help them run for the remaining three months that is April, May and June. I also want to put to the attention of the house, that there is no limit to the many times a supplementary budget can be prepared by any government or any organization. Just in case some emerging issues come up and require another supplementary, as long as there is where we can get the money or vary the amount, it is allowed.

It is our belief and it was our belief and as a committee on budget, by the time the minister made this proposal, she must have had consulted the minister in charge of health and there is also a lot of balancing act because the basket of the resources is limited and we had to balance. So I would propose that members now that the minister health had not made a counter request other than what was presented to us by the minister of health, I would prefer, we do not allocate. We may commit a crime of re-allocating more that may not be required. So members, I propose the question that clause 7, vote D003 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 8- D008

Amount requiring for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the departments of Lands ,energy environment and Natural resources, including general administration, planning and operation, Ksh 50 million

Hon. Muinde: Members, when the committee met we did not alter the amount and recommend to the house for discussion and approval so I open debate on vote D 008 on the department of Lands, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources. I propose the question that clause 8 vote D008 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 9- R013-

Amount required in the year ending 30th June 2014 for car loan for members of the county assembly- Ksh 75 million

Hon. Muinde: Hon members, when the committee looked at that vote, we found the amount proposed by the minister is inadequate. You remember members, sometimes in this financial year, we had allocated Ksh 130 million for car grants which was later rejected by the Controller of Budget and returned to the house to be removed because as of then, by the time we were making the budget, the car grant had not been allowed. So we sat in this house and took the money out of the main budget and put it in a suspense account, meaning the money was not reallocated.

Now events was later that the SRC only allowed counties to have car grants. It was business of this house then to restore back the total amount, the Ksh 130 million, to where it belongs as a car loan. By the time budget committee was sitting, the status was that we were to budget in the supplementary for Ksh. 130 million or a car loan. I know events have changed but the amounts involved have not changed, that is the Ksh 130 million. So the committee had proposed an amendment changing the amounts from Ksh 75 million to ksh 130 million.

(Applause)

So, I now open the debate for members and members if it is not different from what the budget committee had proposed, we may not have to spend a lot of time on it. But if there is something new, the house is ready to listen. Hon. Matheka, Francis.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you chair budget. Mr. Chairman, as the committee had recommended, I further support that the amount for the car loan and I put an amendment /grant be included in the Bill of Ksh 130 million not Ksh 75 million as it was proposed by the minister for finance. Thank you Mr Chair

Hon. Muinde: Hon Muthuka.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you chair. I too support the sentiments of hon. Matheka. Although I would also request since we had budgeted this before, as you have said and we know that the deliberations of the house, the amount was put in a suspense account and it was voted that Ksh 130 million. So why are we appropriating it in the supplementary budget while we know already the money had already been budgeted for that purpose. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you, it is a nice question. It is a matter of procedure Mheshimiwa, it is the same process that we used to take it away. We are using the same process to take it back. Now that it was allowed, we could not sit outside or under the streets and say now that it is allowed, let us continue. It was already taken out. This is just a process of taking it back. So it is not an amount that is now being availed, having been cut from other places. Now we are moving from the suspense account to the main budget through the supplementary. So it is a matter of procedure, we have a duty to make sure that it goes back.

The other thing is members, even that the president has said we deserve to have a car grant there is no official communication yet. So we are passing as recommended by the budget committee, when further communication comes from above, we will do the necessary. So that is the procedure because we have yet to get an official communication. I propose the question that clause 9 be part of the Bill. I now put the question that clause 9 be amended as proposed increasing the amounts from Ksh 75 million to Ksh 130 million.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 10- R001

*Amount required in the year ending 30th June 2014 for salaries and expenses of the county executive, county image, including general administration planning and operation
Ksh. 335,736,977*

Hon. Muinde: That is the amount for salaries for the county executive and county image amounting to Ksh. 335,736,977. So the committee approved as it is. I now open the debate for members. Hon. Muthuka.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Chairman, already we have done some amendments to some votes in this document. So I think it is adequate enough to the arithmetic so that we can get the total amount of development and current expenditure because now it has gone up from Ksh 1,192,323,046. Since we have increased some votes like roads we have unanimously agreed on revising it upwards and also some other votes. I think it is good that we do the arithmetic so that we can get to know exactly what amount have we allocated for the votes. At the same time, we would like to know, since some of the votes have increased, where will be the sources of these funds. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Hon member, we are on that schedule. We are through with the development. This is a recurrent. This are amounts to be reduced. We are now with vote R001. I just want to put it right. We are now reducing recurrent expenditure. There is what we had allocated for the salaries but since what we had been handling there above was development, which must be financed by budget cuts from recurrent, it is reduction. I know you have that, it is written reduction. We are reducing recurrent expenditure of different ministries and departments. So that is amount to be deducted from what was originally availed so that it can finance development.

If the mathematics doesn't add up, what happens is that, there must be a balancing figure between the recurrent and the development. If it is a plus then that goes as a surplus and it is allowed in budgeting. If it is a minus, that should be a deficit which is also allowed in budgeting and it is the minister who would look into other sources of funding to see how she can reduce the deficit. Now that there is no other statement from any member, I propose the question that clause 10 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 11- R003

*Amount required in the year ending 30th June 2014, in the department of Agriculture, Livestock and cooperative Development, including general administration planning and operation –
Ksh 119, 886, 640*

Hon. Muinde: Members, this is basically on the vote on recurrent what the minister felt like the ministry of Agriculture may not be able to spend and that had to be reduced so that we

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can fund development. The budget committee proposes to the house to approve the figure as it is. Debate is open. I propose the question that clause 11 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 12 - R004

*Amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 in the department of tourism and culture, including general administration planning and operation –
Ksh 30, 690,000.*

Hon. Muinde: The budget committee approved the budget as it is I open the debate for the house. Now that there is no one contributing to that, I propose the question that Clause 12 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 13- R005

*Amount required for the year ending 30th June, 2014 in the department of decentralized unit, for the capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation –
Ksh 196, 325,000.*

Hon. Muinde: The committee maintained the figure to be reduced to fund the development as given out there. Now we put it to the house for any comment. Now that there is no comment, I propose the question that Clause 13 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 14- R006

*Amount required for the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the department of education, youth and social welfare for capitalexpenditure including general administration planning and operation -
Ksh 33, 019,485*

Hon. Muinde: The amount was maintained as it is to be reduced to fund development and expenditure. This is majorly a cut on the recurrent of Ksh 33 million. The house is open for debate. I propose the question that clause 14 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 15- R007

Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Lands, energy, Environment and Natural resources, for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 30, 240,000

Hon. Muinde: The committee upheld the proposal, now puts it to the house for debate. I propose the question that clause 15 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 16- R008

*Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Trade, Economic, planning and Industrialization, Environment and Natural resources, for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation –
Ksh. 7,375, 000*

Hon. Muinde: That stands to be the amount unused and likely to be used and the one that is proposed to spend on development, the committee upheld the proposal, and now puts it to the house for debate. I propose the question that clause 16 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 17- R009

Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Finance and revenue collection for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 55, 829, 595

Hon. Muinde: The amount was maintained by the budget committee. It is now open to the house for debate. Without anybody proposing, any amendment or otherwise, I propose the question that clause 17 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 18- R010

Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Transport, road, public works and Housing for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 39, 750, 000.

Hon. Muinde: The amount was maintained by the budget committee, the house can debate. I propose the question that clause 18 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 19- R0011

Amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Health and Emergency Services for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 82, 940,000

Hon. Muinde: The budget committee upheld that and I ask he house to debate it. Now that there is no proposal, I propose hat Clause 19 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 20- R 0012

The amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Water, irrigation and sanitation for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 27, 250 000

Hon. Muinde: The committee upheld the proposal and now puts it to the house for debate
Without anyone proposing any amendment, I propose the question that clause 20 be part of the bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 21 - R 0013

*Amount required for the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the county assembly for the capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation –
Ksh 433, 700, 152*

Hon. Muinde: Hon members, this is the amount that the minister proposes to cut from your original budget of Ksh 891 million to reduce by Ksh 433,007,152. The budget committee looked at the proposal to cut the budget by the minister and felt that Ksh 891 million was exact amount that we needed. By reducing this amount further, this would jeopardize the operations of this house. So the budget committee felt that the assembly budget must be maintained at Ksh 891 million.

(Applause)

We proposed a cut of zero per cent from the recurrent expenditure.

(Applause)

So, that is the recommendation that the budget committee made to the house. Now it is open for debate, if any member proposes an amendment other than what the budget committee said. I propose the question that clause 21, as amended, be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

FOURTH SCHEDULE

REDUCTION DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE -D006-

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CLAUSE 22 D 006

The amount required for the year ending 30th June 2014 for the department of Agriculture, Livestock and cooperative Development for capital expenditure including general administration planning and operation - Ksh 50, 000, 000

Hon. Muinde: The budget committee upheld the proposal, maintaining the figure at Ksh 50 million and now we put it open to the house for debate. I now propose the question that clause 22 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Muinde: Hon members, I want to thank you for the time you took to discuss the supplementary budget. I liked the level of debate. It was well-structured and I thank even those who had divergent opinions, because they have been heard also, those clauses that we passed with the necessary amendments as proposed by the committee and as proposed by the members, have been put into consideration. So the second reading is over after the house has turned into a committee of the whole house. I thank you all for participation and the spirit that you have shown and the support that you have given the budget committee.

(Applause)

As we wait for the Speaker, to come in for the approval by the plenary, we have discussed the budget report and the members of the assembly under the committee of the whole house have discussed all the deliberations and now in wholesome, I hon. Isaac Muinde, the chairman of budget and appropriation committee, wish to move that the committee do report its considerations for the supplementary budget 2013-2014 as approved with amendments. I now want to put the question that now we approve the whole document as amended.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

(The House resumed)

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

REPORT AND THIRD READING

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION 2013/14

Hon. Muinde: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to present the supplementary budget appropriation 2013/2014 to be read for the third time. I wish to ask Hon. Ndumi to---

Hon. Speaker: We need to get the report from the Committee of Whole House.

Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, the committee of the Whole House deliberated on the supplementary budget 2013/2014 and passed it with amendments. I wish to report that the committee do report to the House its considerations for the supplementary budget 2013/2014 as approved with amendments. I now ask Hon. Ndumi to second.

Hon. Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to second the supplementary budget appropriation 2013/2014 to be read today with amendments. Thank you Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Then hon. members, I proceed to put the question on the report, that those in support of the report from the committee of the whole house amending the supplementary budget appropriation 2013/2014.

(Question was put and agreed to)

Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to table the supplementary budget appropriation Bill 2013/2014 to be read for the third time today, 24th March, 2014. I ask Hon. Ndumi to second.

Hon. Ndumi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support that the supplementary budget appropriation Bill 2013/2014 to be read for the third time today, 24th March, 2014. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, once again and thirdly, those in support that the Bill be read for the third and final time.

(Question was put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: In the absence of any other business, then the house adjourns. Thank you very much. Have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 11.30 a.m.