

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

The House met at 2.34 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****INDISCIPLINE**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the office of the Speaker has a communication dated 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. Hon. Members, several incidences have occurred within the precincts of the Assembly in the past one week. We have witnessed Members creating disorder, using violence against their colleagues and abusing their privileges. This state of affairs, which is unacceptable, and will erode public confidence and bring the institution of the County Assembly into disrepute.

Pursuant to Article 196, subsection 3 of the Constitution of Kenya, Parliament shall enact legislation providing for the powers, privileges and immunities of county assemblies, their committees and members. Further, section 17 of the County Governments Act states that the national law regulating the powers and privileges of Parliament shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to a County Assembly.

In the absence of a substantive Machakos County Assembly Powers and Privileges Act, the National Assembly's Act prevails. Section 7 of the National Assembly Powers and Privileges Act stipulates clearly that "no stranger shall be entitled, as of right, to enter or to remain within the precincts of the Assembly."

I am made to understand that some Hon. Members, in the company of outsiders, stormed the County Assembly on the Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, caused a scuffle and several Members were injured in the melee. The matter, which was criminal in nature, has been taken up by the police. Again on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> the March, 2016, several Members caused untold disturbance in the County Assembly that bordered on disrespect for the authority of this Assembly.

Section 23 (d) of the Powers and Privileges Act states that "any person who assaults, obstructs, molests, insults any member coming to, or being within or going from the precincts of the Assembly, or endeavors to compel any member by force, insult or menace to declare himself in favor of or against any proposition or matter pending or expected to be brought before the Assembly or any committee; or (e) assaults, interferes with, molests, resists, obstructs any officer

of the Assembly while in the execution of his duty; or (f) creates or joins in any disturbance which interrupts or is likely to interrupt the proceedings of the Assembly or any committee while the Assembly or committee is sitting; or (i) speaks words defamatory of the Assembly or its proceedings; shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction before a subordinate court of the first class, to a fine not exceeding two thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Hon. Members, I take the occurrences of the past week as exceptionally disorderly conduct. The committee on Powers and Privileges met yesterday to discuss the incidences, guided by Standing Orders 103 to 108 of the County Assembly. Among the options that the committee has is suspension of the Members for a period of up to 28 sitting days and during such period of such suspension, the Members shall forfeit the right to access the Assembly precincts and shall forfeit all allowances payable during such period of suspension.

However, the committee elects not to take that route. Instead, the Hon. Members who engaged in disorderly conduct are informed that such incidences will not be tolerated in future and if repeated, the committee on Powers and Privileges and the Speaker will have no choice but to take the necessary measures in dealing with such disorderly conduct.

Hon. Members, in spite of the privileges and immunities of the County Assembly, let us not go to the extent of engaging in offensive and criminal behavior in the name of defending our positions in discourse. Let us debate with sobriety and order, knowing that the people of Machakos are looking up for us for direction. I urge you to work harmoniously for the betterment of our institution and the whole Machakos County. Thank you, Let us proceed, clerk.

*(Low consultations: Point of order)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us proceed.

### **PAPERS LAID**

MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER FOR 2014/2015

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016: Report of Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Machakos County Budget review and outlook paper for 2014/2015 Financial year.

*(Hon. Muinde laid the Paper on the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, the paper is laid. Proceed.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2016/2017

**Hon. Muinde:** Again Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016: the report of the Budget Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2016/2017.

*(Hon. Muinde laid the Paper on the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you again, paper laid. Proceed.

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS

#### THE COUNTY BUDGET CIRCULAR FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves the County Budget Circular for the financial year 2016/2017.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, notice issued. Proceed.

#### MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER FOR FY 2014/2015

**Hon. Muinde:** Again Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Machakos County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for fiscal year 2014/2015.

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

#### REPORT OF THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR FY 2016/2017

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, today 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 is the final day to debate and approve the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2016/2017. However Mr. Speaker, I pray that this Hon. House extends the deadline from today to Wednesday next week so that a comprehensive report may be brought to this House in that the Sectoral Committees can meet their respective Ministers and Chief Officers and also to give room for public participation on Monday next week so that we have enough time to debate and interrogate the County Fiscal Strategy Paper in line with the new PFM guidelines that are in place. So Mr. Speaker, as I seek for this extension, I beg that the plenary sittings of this House starting tomorrow to Tuesday next week may be adjourned to give committees time to interrogate the County Fiscal Strategy Paper. In asking for this adjournment Mr. Speaker, I ask Hon. Joshua Kiilu Mwangi to support.

*(Applause)*

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, on the issue of adjournment Mr. Speaker, that one was to come as a motion which I was to move. So, Mr. Speaker, I beg for your direction.

**Hon. Speaker:** Just proceed. Proceed, the matter is proper. Proceed.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** So, I second or I move the motion, Mr. Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** You second. The motion has been moved.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I want first and foremost to thank all the Hon. Members who are here and more so the Chairperson, Budget committee that is Hon. Muinde, because Mr. Speaker, this morning I had a meeting with him and we agreed because of timelines on budget issues, we adjourn today and give room for sectoral committees so that they can sit and interrogate the budget and we have public participation next week on Monday, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know when I say that, many may wonder as to how I came to sit with Chairperson, Budget committee but Mr. Speaker, all music, poems, church teachings and sermons have messages in them. Mr. Speaker, allow me to quote a reggae musician by the name Lucky Dube, Mr. Speaker, in his song "together as one," Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to quote that song, Mr. Speaker: "the cats and the dogs forgive each other, why not we." I have no issues with the Hon. *Mheshimiwa* Muinde. We sat and we settled our differences and that is why Mr. Speaker---

*(Loud consultations)*

...and that is why, Mr. Speaker, we agreed on this motion. They may say no, Mr. Speaker, but---

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** If the cats and dogs forgive each other, why not we? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the adjournment. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. I agree with the motion, that in view of the statutory constraints, there is need to set aside time for the budget chairperson to coordinate the budgetary process. Thank you. The leave is granted. Let us proceed, clerk---

## STATEMENTS

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### BUDGET WORKSHOP

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I happen to have attended a budget seminar workshop on Saturday and Friday last week at the Pride Inn Hotel with the Hon. Chairperson, Budget and Majority Leader, Hon. Muinde...

*(Applause)*

...and Members, I want to greatly request you, you mess up with the County's Fiscal Strategy Paper, you have messed up this County for the next two years. It is only through the County Fiscal Strategy Paper that you can make amendments, adjustments where necessary. It is only through the County Fiscal Strategy Paper that we can be able to insert whatever amount of money we want for the Ward Development Funds in spite---

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order Hon. Dominic, you will have a moment, that matter is coming after this. You will have a moment to deliver your contribution. Let us proceed clerk on the matter of statements. Hon. Kathinzi.

### KITHYOKO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement on the following matters:-

Mr. Speaker, the grounds leading to stalling of operations in Kithyoko Community Health Centre which was allocated Kshs. 9.2 million in Financial Year 2013/2014 and why the Health Center is currently for quite some time has no drugs even after we gave a supplementary budget of the same for the Community Hospital to be accomplished.

### FLOODLIGHTS IN KIVAA WARD

On statement number two, Mr. Speaker, I am seeking a statement as to why all the Mulika Mwizis in Kivaa Ward which were erected sometimes ago are not operational and plans that the concerned department has laid in place to rectify this situation.

### KWA KYUMBO YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

Statement number three, Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek a statement as to why one youth polytechnic, called Kwa Kyumbo Youth Polytechnic in Kivaa Ward which was allocated Kshs. 9.5 million in the financial year 2013/2014 and the re-allocation of the same amount of money in 2014/2015 financial year, Mr. Speaker, has not started even as I am speaking now.

### ROADS GRADER

Statement number four Mr. Speaker, I am seeking a statement as to why a grader which was grading some roads in my ward assigned to do these roads for the people of Kivaa who elected this Government, was withdrawn unknowingly last week Mr. Speaker, before accomplishing the work of the roads in my Ward.

#### NGOMOLA BOREHOLE

The last but not the least Mr. Speaker, I would like also to seek a statement as to why one Ngomola borehole which was allocated Kshs. 2.2 million and whose contractor was paid in full but has never served the residents of the area with water up to date. Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek these statements probably for my people to be able to understand what is happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Maybe the questions may be directed to the Chairperson, Implementation to deliver answers in another 14 days. Let us proceed. I think I remember the matter that you are raising and I will take action on that. We will act on it in the next sitting that your reference was not done by the clerk. Yes....That will be done. Thank you. Let us proceed.

#### MOTIONS

##### MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET CIRCULAR 2016/2017

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the Machakos County Budget Circular provides all accounting officers with the guidelines for preparation and submission of the Financial Year 2016/2017 annual budget, and aware that the County Government entity shall comply with guidelines under section 128 subsection (4) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act 2012; Mr. Speaker, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 section 128 (2) states that *“not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> August in each year, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall issues a circular setting out guidelines to be followed by all of the County Government entities in the budget process,”* Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Machakos County Budget Circular 2016/2017. I call upon Hon. Willy Mukewa Kasimu to second the motion.

**Hon. Kasimu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second that this House discusses and approves the Budget committee’s report for the Machakos County Budget Circular 2015/2016, 2016/2017 financial years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Members, the motion is placed before you for debate. May the debate begin and I will urge Hon.....Yes Hon. Muinde just proceed and the first opportunity for contribution is awarded to Hon. Dominic Maitha.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 186, it is my privilege to present to this Hon. House the report of Budget and Appropriation Committee findings on the County Budget Circular for the period ending 2016/2017.

### **Mandate of the Committee**

Mr. Speaker, the committee derives its mandate from Standing Order No. 186 (3a) that states that: *“There shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee which is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to Co-ordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.”* The main objectives of the committee are therefore to ensure that public funds are well utilized and the Public realizes value for money in all government expenditure. The bases of the Committee’s execution of its mandate is annual and on special reports.

### **Committee Membership**

The committee as constituted by this Honorable assembly comprises of the following members.

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| 1. | Hon. Isaac Muinde           | Chairman        |
| 2. | Hon. (Ms.) Rachael Nduku    | V/ Chair person |
| 3. | Hon. Wilson Mukewa          | Member          |
| 4. | Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi       | ”               |
| 5. | Hon. Charles Mutisya        | ”               |
| 6. | Hon. Sammy Nduva            | ”               |
| 7. | Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mutune | ”               |
| 8. | Hon. Renson Muthiani        | ”               |
| 9. | Hon. John Sila              | ”               |

### **The Machakos County Budget Circular 2016/2017**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Budget Circular was received at the County Assembly on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. The County Budget Circular Paper, 2015, provides all accounting officers with the guidelines for preparations and submission of the 2016/2017 budget. The report is prepared in fulfillment of section 128 subsection (2) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act that states that *“Not later than 30th August of each year, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall issue a circular setting guideline to be followed by all County Government entities in the budget process.”*

*[Hon. Speaker (Mr. Mung’ata) left the Chair]*

*[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nganga) took the Chair]*

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the budget circular advises on the policy framework underpinning the budget, provides guidance on the format and content of the program-based budget and budget timelines as per the PFM Act 2012.

### **The Committee Observations**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Budget Circular has put forth the particulars as required in the budget process and the expectation in the process. The process of budget making should mainly cover the following as specified under section 128 subsection (3) of the PFM Act, and as reflected in the budget circular for 2016/17:-

- a) A schedule for preparation of the budget, specifying the key dates by which the various processes are to be completed.
- b) The methodology for the review and projection of revenues and expenditures.
- c) Key policy areas and issues to be taken into consideration when preparing the budget.
- d) The procedures to be followed by members of the public who wish to participate in the budget process.
- e) The format in which information and documents relating to the budget are to be submitted.
- f) The information to be in conformity with standard budget classification systems as prescribed by regulations.
- g) Any other information relevant to the budget process.

Mr. Speaker, the main focus of the financial year 2016/17 budget is on “stimulating growth and creating employment, enhancing food security, development of key infrastructure and protecting the livelihood of the poor and vulnerable members of our society.” Mr. Speaker sir, the budget circular guidelines embraces:-

1. Review of the expenditure for the previous year.
2. Program-Based Budget (PBB) showing expenditure per program and economic classification.
3. Prioritization and allocation of resources based on ongoing capital projects, budget ceilings by CRA, CIDP, equitable share, vision of the county, expected output or outcome, core functions of the devolved county government, cost effectiveness and sustainability.
4. Adherence to fiscal responsibility principles as set out in the PFM Act 2012 as pertains recurrent and development budget.
5. Submission cash flow projections by 15 June as stated in section 127 of the PFM act 2012.
6. Carrying out public participation involving all the stakeholders as per section 125 of the PFM Act 2012.
7. Submission of financial year 2016/2017 budget proposals by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

### **Committee's Recommendation**



Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Debt Management Strategy Paper has never been forwarded to the committee as stated under Section 128 of the PFM Act, and the committee recommends that the document as part of the budget making process that reflects the debts of the county and the measures to be taken on debts incurred be forwarded to this Hon. House for consideration.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the past, detailed budget notes have not been forwarded alongside the budget drafts, hence making budget interrogation by the budget committee difficult. Further, the budget programs have not been specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound (SMART) in the past hence difficulty to measure the performance of the government in terms of budget execution in the last three years.

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that future budgets should be drawn strictly according to the guidelines set out in the PFM Act guidelines, and notes to be attached to ensure that the House links funds to specific projects. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation committee, to table the budget circular, for the Financial Year 2016/2017 to this Hon. House for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Chairman.

**Hon. Muinde:** But Mr. Speaker, as a guide to the House, I want to state that as we know, the budget making is a process that takes place throughout the year and it begins with the sending of the budget circular to all spending ministries and departments of a county government by 30<sup>th</sup> August. This is a paper or a circular issued by the CEC, Finance to all the ministries or other Government arms including the County Assembly; to all the accounting officers in preparation for the following year's budget so Mr. Speaker, this paper was done in conformity with the PFM guidelines and was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> August and it emphasizes on the next year's budget and which Mr. Speaker, we will be interrogating when we begin to look at the County Fiscal Strategy Paper next week. So Mr. Speaker, we have heard what the CEC has issued to the accounting officers and it is my request to this House to discuss this paper and adopt it. Mr. Speaker, this is a paper that we cannot reject; we only have to debate and adopt it as a matter of procedure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. The report is well laid before the House so members that have an input over the same ... yes Hon. Dominic?

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am privileged and I am proud to see you seated there in spite of the satanic attempt to remove you from that position but I can assure you, you will be there forever. I wish to appreciate my able Majority Leader and the chairman, Budget for the good report you have tabled before this House and I would say this Mr. Speaker, *Aluta Continua*. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to thank the Majority Leader, Hon. Isaac Muinde for the privilege he gave me and the honour he gave me to accompany him to the budget workshop that was held at Pride Inn Hotel in Westlands, Nairobi on Friday and Saturday, Mr. Speaker.

It is a shocking surprise, Mr. Speaker, all county Budget and Appropriation committees in Kenya we were meeting at Pride Inn Westlands Mr. Speaker, Sir, but the Hon. Chair, Budget, Machakos was not accompanied by any single budget committee member. This is a workshop that Mr. Speaker would not have been missed by the budget committee members because it is key. I would like to say this Hon Members; the County Budget Fiscal Strategy Paper right now is the only thing right now as per the new regulations guiding the operations of budget making process in the counties as per the amendment of the PFM Act that can only help us to come up with a budget.

The regulations have been set and until and unless we adhere to these regulations, our budget will not pass and we need to pass this. It is a pity that we are going to pass a budget that is going to affect us for the next two financial years. One, there are key areas that have been outlined for example the regulations are telling us that we cannot exceed 35 percent of the total recurrent expenditure so that means what? When we are going through this County Fiscal Strategy Paper, we should ensure that all recurrent expenditures - salaries and everything - cannot exceed 35 percent. Inasmuch as we want to pay salaries, inasmuch as we want to have three newspapers in offices, we are guided by those regulations; we cannot exceed 35 percent.

There is the issue of debt management. Our debts should not exceed 20 percent of our total budget expenditure. When you will be looking at that document Hon. Members, you should be guided and know that you can only make amendments in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper only. If you do not make amendments, at the time when the estimates come, you can only amendments to the tune of 1 percent. So if the department of roads brings a budget of Kshs. 2 billion before this House during the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, you can increase as at that time but when you do not do that, when the time comes for the estimates to be brought on the floor of this House, we can only amend to the tune of 1 percent so this is not something we should joke with Hon. Members.

It is only at the County Fiscal Strategy Paper as I had said earlier, that we will be able to insert the Ward Development Fund. Subject to its availability, then the money we budgeted for last year is yet to be actualized. It is a key process that we cannot ignore and if it means to adjourn this House for the next three weeks we do it perfectly, it is now or never. Hon. Members we need to be guided; we need to check on the past amount of money that we have given to various ministries. Before we allocate them any monies, we need to gauge and ask ourselves, have those ministries delivered the services? Yes or no. Based on the answer that we are going to get, the PFM Act guidelines tell us that you cannot allocate a ministry money, if it has not been able to provide a good report as per the monies we have given them previously.

So there are ministries we have given a lot of money like the department of water we gave them Kshs. 2.5 billion. We need to know, have they been able to absorb the Kshs. 2.5 billion shillings? If yes, we can allocate some little more. If not, we shall give them zero because they have not been able to use that money and allocate that money to departments that are bringing direct benefits to the residents of Machakos County. It is a document we cannot ignore and I would request members, there is that document we were given in Mombasa, the new

guidelines. Kindly go through those guidelines because we will pass a budget that is not going to be admissible by the Controller of Budget.

Let us be focused; the public participation and understanding of key areas in that budget will help us move to the next level. We cannot ignore this document; we ignore this document at our own peril. We should also realize that by next year, we are budgeting for the last year of our session; we also got some proposals that are coming.

For the next year's budget, we might be forced to start the budget process as early as August this year unlike the way we start in February, so that is something we need also to monitor, be able to understand that now that we received the County Fiscal Strategy Paper on 28<sup>th</sup> of February and we know our term will end in May, we will be forced to start the County Fiscal Strategy Paper of next year, it is just a review of this year, on August 28th so we are obliged to go through this process, understand the process very well because the moment we mess it up here, we will have totally messed up ourselves and the entire Machakos County. So Hon. Members, go through these papers and if you do not seem to really understand, the chair, Budget is very well versed with what has to be done and we can put our brains together and come up with a document that is going to save us, save the people of Machakos County and save our political career if it is going to be saved.

Thank you members and I wish to request you once more, we mess it up at the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, there is nothing we can do as per the estimates. Chairmen, sectoral committees, when this document comes before the House, can you sober up, bring up your minds together and go through this document, not being aligned to any side. If the department of water has not delivered, do not give that department any monies. If the department of roads has delivered and there is a deficit in that department, let us give that department more money. So thank you Mr. Speaker and what I would also like to say...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I think you need to wind up.

**Hon. Maitha:** I am almost winding up Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You are already exhausting your time.

**Hon. Maitha:** Yeah, thank you Mr. Speaker one minute, less than a minute. The other thing is that when we are doing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, members we need also to have an attached document showing the current pending bills so that we know that we can factor those bills in this year's budget. If we do not have a document showing that we have bills that are pending, rest assured that the monies we are going to appropriate to the various departments, those monies will be used to clear those pending bills and no projects will be done. So I request you whenever we will be passing this document, we must have a document attached to the final draft of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper showing us all pending bills so that we can factor them in the budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the entire members.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Any other contribution? Yes Hon. Kamitu.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is just additional information that is in regard to the chair, members that we have been given time, that is the sectoral committees, this is in regard and this is in relationship to exactly what we are going to discuss because of late and of past, Hon. Speaker, you are aware that most of our projections in the wards, that is the infrastructure in regard to development within our wards, has not been actualized. We have some projects like the ECDs; in most of the wards, they have not been done so on the strength of what we have been given by our Hon. Chair, a very well done job, I will kindly ask the committee members in regard to all the committees, to interrogate our chief officers because they have been sleeping on their duty...

*(Applause)*

...they have been sleeping on their duty. Now this is the time we should come out, they should give us an audit of what has been budgeted and what has not been done because what Hon. Maitha has said it is on a true note that we have been making budgets here but we have not been accomplishing the intended purpose of those budgets. Call it 2013/2014 budget, 2014/2015 budget; we cannot be sitting here in this House just to come here and sit down. We must accomplish what our electorates are expecting from us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** At this moment, I proceed to put a question on the....yes chairman, budget you have something to add? Proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just thought that before you put the matter to question, as the chair I need to make a comment and thank---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to thank the few members who have contributed to the budget committees report but I also want to make it clear that we are not discussing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper; we are discussing the County Budget Circular for 2016/2017. Mr. Speaker, I did say it is a guideline which is issued by the CEC Finance to all the accounting officers of the county government including the accounting officer of the County Assembly, and it looks forward into giving a guideline on what procedure to follow as you make the next year's budget that is 2016/2017 and also the observation of the budget calendar.

Mr. Speaker, as we debate and approve or adopt this circular, Hon. Kamitu has actually said that we have nice programs, nice circulars, but adherence to what is given is never followed and Mr. Speaker, I urge this Hon. House, despite the drama around, that we do play our role as oversight authority in the budget making process.

*(Applause)*

...but we do not labor to make very nice budgets, very nice paper work that is prepared by the CEC, Finance and the budget committee and approved by this House but when it comes to the budget execution, little, if anything, is done. Mr. Speaker, as we approve and adopt this report, I would urge the Hon. House to ensure that this process that begins on 30<sup>th</sup> August through the circular, is followed to the last step which is the monitoring and evaluation of the budget process. Let us play our right role as the oversight and let us not dine with those we oversight. Let us do our work, let us keep our independence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for supporting the document.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** With that I proceed to put the question that the County Budget Circular be adopted as presented today.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Proceed.

#### MACHAKOS COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER 2014/2015

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that this House received the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the financial year 2014/2015 in line with the Public Finance Management Act section 118 (1) that mandates the County Treasury to prepare a county budget review and outlook paper in respect with county for each financial year, and aware that the Budget Review and Outlook Paper outlines the status of the county budget implementation and also provides the analysis of revenue received and collected by the county government and the expenditure against the budgeted estimates for the fiscal year; Mr. Speaker, aware that the Budget and Appropriation committee analyzed the document and made their recommendations, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the committees report on the Machakos County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the fiscal year 2014-2015. I call upon Hon. Willie Mukewa, member of Assembly for Matungulu East, to support.

**Hon. Kasimu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second that this Hon....

*(Low consultations)*

...thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second that this Hon. House discusses and approves the committee's report on Machakos County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the financial year 2014/2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you for assisting the member. Proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, as I read the committees report it is important that it is gotten right that it is the year 2014/2015. The County Budget Review and Outlook Paper is always analyzed after a financial year is over. It is a review of the year that was and the performance of the year guides in budget preparation for the following year's budget so Mr. Speaker, this paper looks at the 2014/2015 budget, its performance and its outlook in preparation for the following year.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation committee and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 186 (1), it is my privilege to present to this Hon. House the report of Budget and Appropriation committee findings on the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for 2014/2015

### **Mandate of the Committee**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee derives its mandate from standing order No. 186 (3) (a) that states that *"there shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee which is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget."* The main objectives of the committee are therefore to ensure that public funds are well utilized and the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure. The basis of the committee's execution of its mandate is annual and on special reports.

### **Committee Membership**

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

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| 1. | Hon. Isaac Muinde           | Chairman       |
| 2. | Hon. (Ms.) Rachael Nduku    | V/ Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Wilson Mukewa          | Member         |
| 4. | Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi       | "              |
| 5. | Hon. Charles Mutisya        | "              |
| 6. | Hon. Sammy Nduva            | "              |
| 7. | Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mutune | "              |
| 8. | Hon. Renson Muthiani        | "              |
| 9. | Hon. John Sila              | "              |

### **County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, 2014/2015**

Mr. Speaker, the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the financial 2014/2015 shows the actual fiscal performance of the year's budget. The document was forwarded to the County Assembly on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 in line with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 section 118 (1) that states that, a County Treasury shall:-

- a. Prepare a county budget review and outlook paper in respect of the county for each financial year.
2. In preparing its County Budget Review And Outlook Paper, the county treasury shall specify:-
  - a. The details of the actual fiscal performance in the previous years compared to budget appropriation for that year.
  - c.
    - (i) Any changes in the forecast compared with the county fiscal strategy paper; or
    - (ii) How actual financial performance for the previous financial year may have affected compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles or the financial objectives in the county fiscal strategy paper for the financial year.
  - d. Reasons for any deviation from the financial objectives in the county fiscal strategy paper together with proposals to address the deviation and the time estimated for doing so.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Public Finance Management Act 2012 section 118 (4) requires the County Treasury to make arrangements for the paper to be laid before the County Assembly and after having done so, publish and publicize the paper as soon as practicable. Mr. Speaker, upon receiving of the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, the Budget and Appropriation committee retreated to Sai Rock Hotel from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 to analyze, discuss and deliberate on the paper.

#### **Review of Budget for Financial 2014/2015**

Mr. Speaker, the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper was publicized in the Machakos County website as stated in the Public Finance Management Act section 118 (4b). Mr. Speaker. There is table one given in the report that members are holding which gives performance of the budget for the 2014/2015. Mr. Speaker, in that table we have the first column on the budget for 2014/2015; we got from the national government Kshs. 6.56 billion and our own revenue was projected to be Kshs. 2.7 billion, giving a total budget of Kshs. 9.26 billion, but the second column, Mr. Speaker, we have the actuals and here I call the attention of members because this is the actual performance of the budget as opposed to the estimates as passed by this House.

The National Government gave us Kshs. 6.1 billion instead of Kshs. 6.56 billion. Our own collection, Mr. Speaker was Kshs. 1.3 billion against our budget of Kshs. 2.7 billion. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, our actual income or receipts, both from national government and own revenue, was Kshs. 7.54 billion against a budget of Kshs. 9.26 billion so the total variance is Kshs. -1.7 billion. We underperformed by Kshs. 1.7 billion.

Mr. Speaker, of those monies that we received, it was projected in the budget that our recurrent expenditure would be Kshs. 4.9 billion and development expenditure was budgeted to be Kshs. 4.3 billion, giving a total expected expenditure of Kshs. 9.26 billion but in accordance with actual receipts, Mr. Speaker, the recurrent that was actually absorbed by spending departments was Kshs. 4.9 billion and development was Kshs. 2.1 billion. Total expenditure, Mr.

Speaker was 7.03 billion against Kshs. 9.2 billion. Mr. Speaker, there was a variance of Kshs. 2.2 billion and there was a bank balance. By the time we closed the year on 30<sup>th</sup> June, Mr. Speaker, the bank balances in the county revenue account was Kshs. 500 million.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the county budgeted for the revenue of Kshs. 9.26 billion of which Kshs. 6.56 billion was to be received from national government while Kshs. 2.7 billion was to be raised locally. Mr. Speaker, the data presented shows that the county realized the revenue of Kshs. 7.54 billion consisting of Kshs 6.18 billion from the National Government and Kshs. 1.358 billion from the local sources. This shows an underperformance of Kshs. 1.721 billion in the total revenue target. Mr. Speaker, it was also observed that the actual revenue raised amounted to Kshs. 7.54 billion against the projected Kshs. 9.26 billion, translating to a performance rate of 82 percent of the targeted revenue. The variation was said to be largely caused by the underperformance of local revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the expenditure review shows that the county budgeted for a total expenditure of Kshs. 9.26 billion consisting of Kshs. 4.91 billion and Kshs. 4.35 billion, recurrent and development respectively. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the total actual expenditure during the year amounted to Kshs. 7.03 billion against a target of Kshs. 9.26 billion translating to absorption rate of 76 percent. Out of this expenditure, 30.3 percent was spent on development activities. Mr. Speaker, that means our recurrent expenditure, went to 70 percent while development was 30.3 percent actual.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed that the county government adhered to the Public Finance Management Act section 107 (2) in terms of the fiscal responsibility principles, especially at least 30 percent spending on development. That is the bare minimum below which we are not allowed to spend, so we are actually on the floor.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it was observed that at the end of the financial year 2014/2015, Kshs. 508 million remained unutilized due to late release from the National Government but it was later received in June this fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, as you know it is the behavior of the National Government to send money to the counties on the last day as we end the year. This money was sent to us on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, barely two days to end the financial year so this money could not be spent as we crossed over to the following year. Otherwise the money had been waited for to dispense on pending issues.

### **Updated Economic and Financial Forecast**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as per the 2015 economic survey report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, the global economy is expected to strengthen gradually subject to continued recovery from the global crisis. The Kenya shilling strengthened significantly against all major currencies except the US Dollar. Inflation has been contained at a single digit. This trend is expected to continue due to reduction in crude oil prices. This will impact positively on the county's economic growth.

### **2016/2017 Budget Outlook**



The approved budget amounts to Kshs. 10.944 billion out of which Kshs. 5.25 billion relates to recurrent expenditures and Kshs. 5.69 billion to development expenditures. Out of the recurrent expenditures of Kshs. 5.25 billion, Kshs. 3.38 billion is to cater for wages and salaries, equivalent to 31 percent of the total budget and Kshs. 1.87 billion for operations and maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the expenditures of Kshs. 10.94 billion will be financed from two main sources: the National government amounting to Kshs. 8.57 billion and county own revenue amounting to Kshs. 2.37 billion. A number of measures have been put in place to ensure the projected revenue is realized.

### **Recommendations of the Committee to the House**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee had great concerns on the local revenue collection which was below target. The committee recommends that the budget and finance committees should enhance their oversight role under revenue mobilization to ensure change in revenue collection. Mr. Speaker, revenue is the backbone of any institution and without which the county will lack meaningful development. The committee recommends that the department of finance and revenue collection increases effectiveness and efficiency in revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker, the committee found it necessary to summon the directors for inspectorate/enforcement and revenue collection to explain to the committee the reasons as to why the set revenue targets are missed. In addition Mr. Speaker, sir, members recommended a mechanism of audit be put in place to monitor revenue collection and banking of the proceeds. Mr. Speaker, the committee suspects that revenue is been spent and that not every collected cent is sent to the Central Bank.

Further Mr. Speaker, since the underperformance of revenue reduced the county's development spending and led to accumulation of pending bills, a more realistic revenue target should be set and approaches to increase revenue collection devised.

Mr. Speaker, the committee observed that the late disbursement of funds caused poor development performance. In line with this, the Executive Committee Member of finance should streamline the usage of funds to match the operations of the county government and avoid such inconveniences. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee recommends that more details be provided with respect to the changes from the forecasts of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper and reasons for deviation.

### **Acknowledgement**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, The Budget and Appropriation committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded during the committee sittings. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the activities of the Committee and in preparation of this report. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation committee, I therefore table this report on the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the financial year 2014/2015 to this Hon. House for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We proceed to take comments from members; contributions over that document. Hon. Kathinzi.

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to support this report but with the view that as the chair of budget is reading this report, a lot of information is coming true which has been disputed by the Hon. Majority Leader sometimes back. Mr. Speaker, once upon a time, a guy told me that what goes around comes around. On page three of the report Mr. Speaker, I can see something very clear about the own revenue which was collected in the financial year 2014/2015 amounting to Kshs. 1,357,000,000 which Hon. Majority, Mwonga, disputed on the floor of this House.

He was questioned because this was on a printout sometimes back while Marsabit had collected Kshs. 2.1 billion Kenya shillings, Makueni had collected Kshs. 1.8 billion and it was said by Majority leader that this collection was only for a quarter a year. He misled the house totally and now it is coming in black and white. Protect me Mr. Speaker. Please protect me.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us hear the point of information.

#### POINT OF INFORMATION

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga) :** First and foremost Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the member for Kivaa ward for recognizing that I am still the Leader of Majority and Mr. Speaker what he has said is not true, Mr. Speaker. What I want to say is, I very well remember it was mid last year and the issue was raised here and we were not talking of how much the county had collected as revenue but it was what was the bank balance as at that time Mr. Speaker, and I very well remember that it was Kshs. 400,000, Mr. Speaker. The member is confused Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed Hon. Kathinzi and the matter on the substantive amount and the issue of what was before the House, we can have a substantive motion to debate about the local revenue collection. Proceed on your debate with reference to the matters that have been presented in the report.

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but my point is home and dry because there is no way we can have Marsabit collecting more revenue than Machakos County. That means there is clear siphoning of our county funds to private people's pockets.

Mr. Speaker as I proceed, sometimes back not more than three months ago, go to page 4 on issues of developments, some county engineers and contractors gathered and said they are owed by the county of Machakos two point something billion Kenya shillings in debts; almost Kshs. 2.2 billion. Mr. Speaker, if we fail to show the direction and accept if we have a problem

in terms of management which we are here to rectify, Mr. Speaker I think we will be misleading our people. That is something that is coming to the light today as we are seated here.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to discuss much about this because I am supporting in vain because things have gone haywire but on page 6 on recommendations, I would also request the chair, budget who is also the Majority, I don't know who among the two is the true majority but the law will guide us in future, because we have the Auditor General's report which has never been discussed in this Assembly for all the periods, I recommend, let us propose a true prosecution of any Chief Officer, any revenue collection officer who has been caught up with mismanagement of our county funds. Until we stamp the authority, and Mr. Speaker it is very clear in the principle of management, you cannot separate responsibility with authority; we have vested responsibility to these people so they should be accountable for our funds. It is shameful if these report lands in Marsabit or Makueni County where we don't even have a single factory which can give a heavy income. But now I think it is not fair.

The Majority Leaders in the Assembly, they should act with speed for us to rescue this county. "*Tunaisha.*" We cannot collect Kshs. 1.3 billion shillings in the second year running where the projection was Kshs. 2.7 billion shillings. It is a shame, Mr. Speaker. I can't support this even if I am supporting for it to go through because there is no way we can reject it, but Mr. Speaker it is not possible that we collect less than 48 per cent of the targeted revenue and we know, we have seen, there are reports from outside where our money has been taken to.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Any other member? Yes Hon. Mueni.

**Hon (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think you can put the question because the members don't know what they were discussing; they have already supported the report and they are not in the mood of discussing whatever is in front of us, it's only that we just accept the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Nzioki.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this report but Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few observations. Mr. Speaker, with the little knowledge I have in accounts, projections are based on previous collections and the facts here are that we were supposed to collect Kshs. 2.7 billion but we managed to collect Kshs. 1.3 billion. Mr. Speaker, that is slightly above (??) 50 percent. Mr. Speaker, there must be something very wrong either in the accounts department or the revenue collection department, for such kind of a collection based on the projection of what we were supposed to collect.

Mr. Speaker, I support the report by saying this: either in the finance department, the people who are there on matters of revenue, they do not know what they are doing there or they do not want to work and do what they are supposed to do, or either, when it comes to revenue, they have formed a group of pocketing the revenue of this county. Mr. Speaker, I recommend

that we have a total audit of what is collected, what is banked and what is put into people's pockets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Ngui.

**Hon. Ngui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am Hon. Felix Ngui, member representing the people of Katangi and only lucky member because I understand a motion to de-whip me as a member of my committee (Transport) to be chair was to come today but it seems that I am a lucky member and I believe it might not come.

*(Loud consultations)*

Mr. Speaker, protect me I want to contribute---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us hear the point of information.

#### POINT OF INFORMATION

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that we are three years old in this House and this Member doesn't know that de-whipping doesn't need a motion, Mr. Speaker. If it is de-whipping, it is just a simple letter to the office of the Speaker and that is done; there is nothing like a motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I think you are appropriately informed.

**Hon. Ngui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think that was a correction in my English but you know, it all depends with where you went to school but I meant 'de-whip' means being relieved from being a member of a certain committee but that is not a matter to discuss for now.

Mr. Speaker, in regard to the report that is before this House, as I support the report, I would want to tackle the issue of revenue collection in our county. Mr. Speaker, I remember before we went for our recess last year, the House formed an ad-hoc committee on Finance but I don't know what happened, because I happen to be a member of the same committee but we only met once to discuss on revenue collection within our county.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear and in the public domain that monies in this county are being collected and being put into private accounts. Mr. Speaker, you can imagine a situation whereby Mavoko Sub-County where we have industries is collecting the same amount with Yatta Sub-County per day. Mr. Speaker, it is regrettable. We do not know what is happening in the ministry of finance and through the Office of the Clerk, the ad-hoc committee that was formed needs to be empowered to do its work so that it can bring a report to this house so that we can know where our monies are going.

Mr. Speaker, our contractors are suffering because our county governments, our ministries, do not follow the budget. We need to be serious as committees this time round, we make sure that all our budgets in the departments are followed; we have so many white elephant projects. We have heard Hon. Kathinzi today questioning about a hospital that had started and stopped; that is the situation in every ward in this county. So Mr. Speaker, we need to be serious, we need to work hard to make sure our departments work as per the budgets that we draw in this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support to adopt this report.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Chairman you have something to close the debate about that? I think members have had enough time.

**Hon. Muinde:** Mr. Speaker, as I conclude I have no kind words to the Hon. House. Look at the numbers, Mr. Speaker. If it was a motion to fight anyone here, this House would be full. Mr. Speaker, it is a shame for this House that we sit, that the real matters are never given attention. These are the matters that the House must be full because we have a mandate to our electorates to ensure that public funds are well utilized. Since we do not collect funds, we also do not receive funds from the National government on behalf of the government, but the Executive arm does. This Hon. House should have been here to discuss, debate and diagnose the problems that is bedeviling the Executive arm.

Mr. Speaker, I feel powerless when these members cry that the revenue is not getting into the Central Bank account. The first year Mr. Speaker, we collected Kshs. 1.2 billion against a projected amount of Kshs. 3.5 billion. The second year having budgeted for around Kshs. 2.7 billion local revenue, it is clear from this report that the actual collection was Kshs. 1.3 billion, which is equivalent to what the defunct councils put together, the five of them, were collecting, yet they did not have the vehicles, they did not have the infrastructure that we enjoy today.

Mr. Speaker, if you employ a house help or a herdsman and you pay him Kshs. 10,000 or Kshs. 20,000 per month, but the lifestyle of that worker is Kshs. 50,000, and this worker is in your office from Monday to the next Monday, there can only be one reason why the lifestyle is enhanced or does not match the money that you pay him; that staff is stealing from you. Mr. Speaker, the House cries that they are powerless yet they are sitting on the powers that they have; the moment you go to bed with the person that you are supposed to police, then you lose your authority and the independence to check that person. This House has lost its track, Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the few that have contributed to this debate I want to thank them on behalf of my committee of budget. I also want to urge this House to ensure that fiscal discipline in terms of budget execution is implemented. Let all the chairs, especially the chair of implementation, do his job. There is no fiscal discipline in this county and all revenue is being consumed and everybody knows this, thanks to IFMIS, Mr. Speaker, which has really come to help, but since it has sealed all the loopholes at the top, the only side that has been left is to spend money before it is banked.

I call upon the House to ensure that the *ad-hoc* committee that had been formed to look into that matter especially on Mavoko Sub-County is revived, or a new committee is set so that that matter can be brought to an end.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I thank all the members of the House for supporting this report. It is not barely for adoption but it also acts as an eye opener for members to look at the performance of the yester year and look at the current year and as we prepare for the 2016/2017 financial year, the members of this Assembly should know that the electorates are watching, members of public are watching, we need to do the job that we were sent here to do and let us stop all the drama and do our rightful job that brought us to this first Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I rest my case.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I therefore proceed to put the question for those in support of the document as presented and debated.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY SITTINGS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The motion by Hon. Joshua Mwonga on the adjournment of the House as proposed by Hon. Muinde and seconded by Hon. Mwonga stands and therefore the House stands adjourned until Wednesday next week. You have some information? Okay proceed.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for granting me this rare opportunity. Mr. Speaker, as earlier requested that the plenary sittings be adjourned to give all the members time to analyze the County Fiscal Strategy Paper and also to invite the chief officers and the ministers to appear in the sectoral committees and to have public participation on Monday, it is my hope that we give notice to all the members of public including the chamber of commerce in the entire sub-counties as given to appear in the papers either today or tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I request that your office facilitates that all the sectoral chairs and their clerks we need tomorrow morning, that is between my committee and them, that I can take them through what to look, just a small guide on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, in line with the new developments under the new PFM guidelines so that we do not deviate from the intended direction. So if that meeting can be early tomorrow, that is the Liaison Committee, but all the clerks be allowed to attend so that I can give a way forward to enable us have a better interrogation and better recommendations in sync of the PFM guidelines of 2015. Thank you.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Matter noted and we will coordinate after this. Enjoy the rest of your week.

The House rose at 3.54 p.m.