

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023

The House met at 11.55 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members and welcome to today's sitting.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am rising on Standing Order 27 which stipulates the morning sitting time and according to the time and looking at the time now, unless we move a motion to proceed after the appointed time, we may not be able to transact the business we intend to.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed Hon. Member.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Aware that Standing Order 27(2)---

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Hon. Speaker: Can we have all cellphones on silent mode.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Sorry for that.

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

Aware THAT Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

Aware THAT Order 27(4) requires that a motion to extend sitting time be moved at least 30 minutes before the appointed time;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that this House resolves to extend its sitting time until the business in the Order Paper is concluded.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You may call a seconder.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): I call Hon. Kavyu to second the motion.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
VISITING DELEGATION FROM KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to acknowledge the presence of Hon. Members of County Assembly of Kiambu of the Budget and Appropriations Committee who are here on a benchmarking study tour.

(Applause)

The leader of the delegation is the Chair of the Committee, Hon. Josephine Nduta Mwangi and I take this opportunity to sincerely welcome all of you to the County Assembly of Machakos. We love visitors so you are welcome. Thank you.

PAPER LAID
FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2023/2024

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee, to come forward and lay the Paper.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Papers on the table of the Assembly today, Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023; the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the First Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2023/2024. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

NOTICE OF MOTION
FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023/2024

Hon. Speaker: May I once again invite Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee, to come forward and give a notice. Proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K):
Hon. Speaker, that aware that a supplementary budget is prepared in accordance with Section 135(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which stipulates that a County Government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of additional

expenditure to seek authority for spending, through the County Assembly and aware THAT, the law provides that an Appropriation Act can only be amended through a supplementary budget;

Cognizant THAT the Standing Orders mandate the Budget and Appropriations Committee to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the of the county budget, discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly, examine bills related to the county budget, including appropriations bills; and evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays;

Noting THAT, the first supplementary budget for FY 2023/2024 was received on 15th November, 2023 and committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

Aware that the Committee took into consideration the supplementary budget in analyzing the report examined and discussed the submissions by the Chief Officer, Finance and the County Assembly and made recommendations as contained in the report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the Motion THAT this Assembly Adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the First Supplementary Budget Estimates for the County Government and the Assembly for the FY 2023/2024 tabled in the Assembly on 22nd November, 2023.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SHORTENING OF MATURITY MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILLS NO.7)

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, the Leader of Majority to come forward and move that motion. Proceed Hon. Nzioka.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Section 8(1)(c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 bestows the responsibility of approving the Budget and Expenditure of the County Government on the County Assembly;

Aware THAT the County Executive submitted the first Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2023/2024 to the Assembly for approval on 15th November, 2023;

Noting THAT the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 (Machakos County Bills No.7) was published on 20th November, 2023 and aware that Standing Order 116 requires that an Appropriation Bill, on publication should be allowed in the House after seven days;

Aware THAT seven days will lapse on 26th November, 2023 and that there is need to consider the appropriation bill within the shortest time to facilitate operations of the County Government;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT pursuant to Standing Order 116, this House resolves to shorten the time for introduction of the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023, Kenya, Gazette supplement No.11 (Machakos County Bills No.7) from seven (7) days to two (2) days to ensure the Bill is approved in time.

I call upon the Minority Leader to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Minority Leader, proceed.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa.

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate the motion. Hon. Ngunga proceed.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. While I am still supporting the motion, I want to throw a caution to this shortening of time from the requisite seven days to two days. Madam Speaker, while we appreciate that the County Executive may be in need of this supplementary budget urgently, you remember we passed the annual budget sometimes ago and they have good reasons why this paper will find itself in the House before time.

Madam Speaker, you are aware we work through committees and departments at the Executive and I will be raising the issue here because even this supplementary budget has not been subjected through our committees. So Madam Speaker, in future, it is good that the CECM, Finance observes timelines; I remember this issue of timelines was raised once and again where issues on money will be brought in the House in the morning and they are expected to be passed in the afternoon.

Madam Speaker, I think this House should be given due process so that we have time to scrutinize.....these are money issues and one of the most important factors of why we constitute here is to ensure that we look at budgets. A budget is a constitutional right for this House to be able to scrutinize it and so two days, when a proposal of this magnitude comes around forth to the House, we need to be given those seven days.

So Madam Speaker, I just want to throw that caution to the CECM that while they are trying to bring this thing here, they should always observe that time so that they give the Assembly enough time to look at their proposals, we go through them so that we assist. Actually, the idea here is to assist each other so the Majority Leader, in future, ensure those timelines are.....there are reasons why the timelines are set that way.

So Madam Speaker, while I am supporting, I want to throw that caution so that in future the House is given enough time; actually I got this printout this morning and I have been trying to look at it and my spectacles are at home so I am actually seeing black and white. I cannot be able to tell what is happening here.

Hon. Speaker: It is yellow!

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Yes and you know the people of Mua are expecting me to scrutinize this thing here.

Hon. Speaker: The paper is yellow.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): So, Madam Speaker, I want to support but meanwhile throw that caution; in future let us be given time so that we go through this document. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Very important that we observe timelines and give enough notice to the Assembly to look at the document properly so it is well noted. Thank you, Hon. Member. Any other Member who would like to contribute anything?

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

(First Reading)

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023
- KENYA, GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.11 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILLS NO.7)

*(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time - Ordered
to be read the Second Time today)*

MOTION

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY
BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2023/2024

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee, to come forward and move that motion. Proceed.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT a supplementary budget is prepared in accordance with Section 135(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which stipulates that a County Government shall submit a supplementary budget in support of additional expenditure to seek authority for spending, through the County Assembly and aware that, the law provides that an Appropriation Act can only be amended through a supplementary budget;

Cognizant THAT the Standing Orders mandate the Budget and Appropriations Committee to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the of the county budget, discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly, examine bills related to the county budget, including appropriations bills; and evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays;

Noting THAT, the first supplementary budget for FY 2023/2024 was received on 15th November, 2023 and committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

Aware that the Committee took into consideration the supplementary budget in analyzing the report, examined and discussed the submissions by the Chief Officer, Finance and the County Assembly and made recommendations as contained in the report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the First Supplementary Budget Estimates for the County Government and the Assembly for the FY 2023/2024 tabled in the Assembly on 22nd November, 2023.

I wish to call upon Hon. Justus Mulwa to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Justus Mulwa, proceed.

Hon. Justus Mutuku (Wamunyu, PTP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. Again I join your office and if you allow me, to welcome the team from Kiambu Budget and Appropriations Committee under the leadership of Mheshimiwa Josephine and tell them *kariibu sana* Machakos where we value the leadership of ladies. Madam Speaker, I stand to support and second the motion.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Before I invite Members to debate this motion, I wish to invite the mover of the motion to give highlights of the report. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, with your permission, I would request the House to move with me on the report that has been shared through our common platform and I am going to read the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee which is the first report on the Supplementary Budget Estimates No.1 for fiscal year 2023/2024 prepared this November, 2023.

With your permission, Madam Speaker, I will go straight to the overview on page 4 of the first Supplementary Budget Estimates for financial year 2023/2024 is proposing an increase in the approved budget by Ksh. 1,828,274,465.00. The development budget has increased by Ksh. 812,464,915.00 while on the other hand the recurrent spending has increased by Ksh. 1,015,809,550.00.

The Committee notes that this Supplementary Budget has subjected the County Budget to expenditure increases:

- Development budget by Ksh. 812,464,915.00
- Recurrent budget by Ksh. 1,015,809,550.00

Hon. Speaker, if you allow me, I will take Members to page 7. Sorry, I am guided by the Clerk at the Table that it is important I share with Members the financing of in the first supplementary budget which is on page 6. I apologize for that.

1.6 Financing the 1st Supplementary Budget Estimates 2023/2024

1. Own source Revenue

The County Government has retained its own source revenue at Ksh. 2,998,879,462.00.

2. Equitable share

Pursuant to Article 202 (1) of the Constitution, the equitable share allocated to the County Government of Machakos in the FY 2023/2024 based on the revenue raised nationally has increased by Ksh. 1,456,001,038.00, being an accommodation of previous financial year's balances, to Ksh. 11,003,296,347.00.

3. Conditional Grants

The conditional grants have increased from Ksh. 1,092,827,676.00 to Ksh. 1,452,177,756.00. This will be applied to fund both recurrent and development expenditures.

4. Hospital Revenues

The County Government has retained the Hospital Revenues at Ksh. 1,008,000,000.00

5. Equalization Fund

The County Government has factored in an equalization fund share of Ksh. 12,923,347.00

6. Asset Disposal

The County Government has provided for Ksh. 100M from disposal of assets.

1.7 Expenditure

Hon. Speaker, with the proposed increase of the total revenue by Ksh. 1,828,274,465.00, the total expenditure for the County Government of Machakos stands at Ksh. 16,575,276,912.00 consisting of:

- a) Recurrent expenditure of Ksh.10,604,096,067.00 to cater for personnel emoluments of Ksh. 6,715,240,150.00, operations and maintenance expenses of Ksh. 3,772,869,870.00 and current transfers of Ksh. 115,986,047.00. The resultant effect is an increase by Ksh. 1,015,809,550.00 from the approved budget for the FY 2023/2024.
- b) Development expenditure of Ksh. 5,971,180,845.00 constituting capital transfers/grants of Ksh. 1,336,191,709.00 and acquisition of assets amounting to Ksh. 4,634,989,136.00, the effect being an increase by Ksh. 812,464,915.00 from the approved Budget estimates for 2023/2024. This translates to a development ratio of 36 per cent while the personnel emolument ratio stands at 41 per cent. The development ratio complies with fiscal responsibility principle which requires the same to be at least 30 per cent while the ratio on personnel emoluments is more than the set threshold of 35 per cent of the total revenue.

2.0 COMMITTEE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the Committee hereby highlights the main Supplementary Budget proposals per each department and recommends as follows:

2.1 Office of the Governor

The Office of the Governor has an approved budget of Ksh. 600,452,324.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 19,578,170.00 for development and Ksh. 580,874,154.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the recurrent budget by Ksh. 10,000,000.00 from Ksh 580,874,154.00 to Ksh. 590,874,154.00 being the effect P01: (Coordination and supervisory services – Office of the Governor Headquarters) increase by Ksh. 5M, P04: ICT Services decrease by Ksh 1M, P05: Hospitality Services, decrease by Ksh. 5M and P08: Office of the County Secretary, increase by Ksh. 11M.

Hon. Speaker: There is some noise coming from somewhere. Can we observe silence?

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, as I proceed you can advise the House that Hon. Members that they can get the report from our WhatsApp forum.

Further, the County Treasury proposes to retain the Development Budget at Ksh. 19,578,170.00. The CRA Recurrent budget ceilings for the county executive (Office of the Governor and County Public Service Board is Ksh. 618,887,863.00). This allocation is above the set CARA allocation by Ksh. 10M.

The committee recommends that the office of the Governor be allocated Ksh. 19,578,170.00 for development and Ksh. 590,874,154.00 for recurrent expenditure respectively.

2.2 Office of the County Attorney

The approved budget for the Office of the County Attorney is Ksh. 92,864,716.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 9.3M for development and Ksh. 83,564,716.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to retain both the recurrent and development budgets.

The Committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure be set at Ksh. 83,564,716.00 and Ksh. 9.3M for development expenditure as per the County Treasury's proposal.

2.3 Department of Trade, Industry, Tourism and Innovation

The Department of Trade, Industry, Tourism and Innovation has an approved budget of Ksh. 687,062,847.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 508,778,732.00 for development and Ksh. 178,284,115.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 19.7M from Ksh. 178,284,115.00 to Ksh. 197,984,115.00 being an effect of program 7: Heritage and Culture increase of Ksh. 5M, P08: liquor Management, increase of Ksh. 4.8M, P09: Tourism Development and Marketing, increase by Ksh. 1.2M, P011: Machawood increase by Ksh 5M and P13: Digital Economy which is a new program increase by Ksh 3.7.

In the development budget the County Treasury proposes to reduce the budget by Ksh. 10M from Ksh. 508,778,732.00 to Ksh. 498,778,732.00 being an effect of an increase in P04: Small and Medium Size Enterprises, by Ksh. 41,084,984.00, P05: Industrialization and Innovation decrease by Ksh. 41,084,984.00, P06: Tourism Administrative and Support Services a decrease by Ksh. 3M, P08: Liquor Management a decrease by Ksh. 1.5M, P09: Management Recreational Facilities a decrease by Ksh. 3M and P010: Machawood a decrease by Ksh. 2.5M.

The committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be revised to Ksh. 197,984,115.00 and reduce development expenditure to Ksh. 498,778,732.00 as per the County Treasury's proposal.

2.4 Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management

In the department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management the approved budget is Ksh. 1,458,230,172.00 constituting of Ksh. 474,976,422.00 for development and Ksh. 983,253,750.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 338,810,617.00 from Ksh. 983,253,750.00 to Ksh. 1,322,064,368.00 being effect of increases in programs: P01: Revenue Management by Ksh. 98,996,000.00, P02: Budget Formulation, Coordination and Implementation by Ksh. 23M, P03: Supply Chain Management by Ksh. 4M, P04: Audit Services by Ksh. 7,920,360.00, P05: Accounting Services by Ksh. 105,594,257.00, P06: Human Resources Management and Support Services by Ksh. 4,155,000.00, P07: Economic Planning and Statistical Services by Ksh. 34M, P08: Monitoring and Evaluation by Ksh. 6.5M, P11: ICT, General Administration and Support Services by Ksh. 5M and P14: Public Communication which is a new program by Ksh. 49,645,000.00.

In the development budget, the County Treasury proposes to increase the budget by Ksh. 374,727,111.00 from Ksh. 474,976,422.00 to Ksh. 849,703,533.00 being an effect of decrease in programs: P01: Revenue Management by Ksh. 35M, P02: budget formulation coordination and implementation decrease by Ksh. 21,872,000.00, P04: Accounting Services, increase by Ksh. 393,727,111.00, P05: Economic Planning and Statistical Services, decrease by Ksh. 3M and P06: ICT Services and Infrastructure, increase by Ksh. 40,872,000.00 The committee recommends that the recurrent budget of the department be revised to Ksh. 1,322,064,368.00 and development budget to Ksh 849,703,533.00.

2.5 Department of Devolution

In the department of Devolution, the approved budget is Ksh. 1,025,103,833.00 constituting of Ksh. 45,934,618.00 for development and Ksh. 979,169,215.00 for recurrent. The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 284,514,531.00 from Ksh. 979,169,215.00 to Ksh. 1,263,683,746.00 being an effect of increase in P01: Public Service – General Administration and Coordination Services by an increase of Ksh. 250,614,531.00, P04: County Administration and Decentralized Units increase by Ksh.34.8M and P06: Administration and Coordination Services decrease by Ksh. 900,000.00.

In the development budget, the County Treasury proposes to increase the budget by Ksh. 49,923,347.00 from Ksh. 45,934,618.00 to Ksh. 95,857,965.00 being an increase in P01: Administration and coordination Services which is a new programme by Ksh. 49,923,347.00.

The committee recommends that the recurrent budget of the department be revised to Ksh. 1,263,683,746.00 and development budget to Ksh. 95,857,965.00.

2.6 Department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development

The department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development has an approved budget of Ksh. 1,210,210,225.00 which constitutes of Ksh.830,637,413.00 for Development and Ksh.379,572,812.00 for Recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes that the total recurrent budget estimates for the department be increased by Ksh. 10.5M from Ksh. 379,572,812.00 to Ksh. 390,072,812.00 being an effect of decrease of P01: General Administration and Support Services by Ksh. 1,650,000.00, P02: Crop Development and Management by Ksh. 25,000.00, and Increases in P03: Livestock Resources Management and Development by Ksh. 850,000.00, P05: Veterinary Services by Ksh. 500,000.00, P06: ATC by Ksh. 25,000.00 and P07: Cooperatives Development and Marketing by Ksh.10M.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the development budget by Ksh. 43,892,729.00 from Ksh. 830,637,413.00 to Ksh. 874,530,142.00 being an effect of increase of P01: General Administration and Support Services by Ksh. 78,392,729.00, P02: Crop Development and Management a decrease by Ksh. 40M, P03: Livestock Resources Management and Development a decrease by Ksh. 8,043,403.00, P05: Veterinary Services an increase by Ksh. 8,043,403.00, P06: ATC an increase by Ksh. 500,000.00, P07: Cooperative Development and Marketing which is a new programme an increase by Ksh. 10M and P08: Promotion of Cooperative Marketing and Value Chain a decrease by Ksh. 5M. The committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be increased to Ksh. 390,072,812.00 and the development expenditure be increased to Ksh. 874,530,142.00

2.7 Department of Health

The approved budget for the department of Health is Ksh. 5,056,980,576.00 constituting of development expenditure of Ksh. 994,139,145.00 and Ksh. 4,062,841,431.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury is proposing to increase the recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 214,021,080.00 from Ksh. 4,062,841,431.00 to Ksh. 4,276,862,511.00 being an effect of an increases in programmes: P01: General Administration by Ksh. 109,021,080.00, P02: Machakos Level 5 by Ksh. 8.5M and P13: Public Health by Ksh. 96.5M.

In the development budget, the County Treasury proposes to increase the budget by Ksh. 121,105,891.00 from Ksh. 994,139,145.00 to Ksh. 1,115,245,036.00 being an effect of an increase in P01: General Administration by Ksh. 241,840,820.00, P02: Machakos Level 5 a decrease by Ksh. 110M, P03: Kangundo Level 4 an increase by Ksh. 7M, P04: Matuu Level 4 an increase by Ksh. 14M, and Decreases in programmes: - P05: Kathiani Level 4 by Ksh. 734,929.00, P06: Mwalala Level 4 by Ksh. 10M, P07: Kimiti level 4 by Ksh. 6M, P08: Masinga level 4 by Ksh. 6M, P09:- Athi-River Level 4 by Ksh. 6M, P10: Mutituni level 4 by Ksh. 7M, P12: Kalama level 4 by Ksh. 6M and decrease in P13: Public Health by Ksh. -10M.

The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure of the department be increased to Ksh. 4,276,862,511.00 and development expenditure to Ksh. 1,095,245,036.00.

2.8 Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works

The department of Roads, Transport and Public Works has an approved budget of Ksh. 959,168,023.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 711,731,765.00 for Development and Ksh. 247,436,258.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 3,070,000.00 from Ksh. 247,436,258.00 to Ksh. 250,506,258.00 being an effect of an increase in P01: General Administration and Support Services of Ksh. 3,920,000.00 and a decrease in P02: Road Development and Management by Ksh. 850,000.00.

In the development budget the County Treasury proposes to reduce the budget for the Department by Ksh. 62,500,000.00 from Ksh. 711,731,765.00 to Ksh. 649,231,765.00 being an effect of an increase in P01: General Administration and Support Services of Ksh. 9M and Decrease in Programmes: - P02: Road Development and Management by Ksh. 20M, P03: County Government Buildings Services by Ksh. 49.5M and P04: County Fleet Management by Ksh. 2M.

The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure of the department be increased to Ksh 250,506,258.00 and that the development expenditure be reduced to Ksh. 649,231,765.00

2.9 Department of Education

The Department of Education has an approved budget of Ksh. 719,515,483.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 172,729,112.00 on development and Ksh. 542,786,371.00 for recurrent expenditure.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 90,593,322.00 from Ksh. 546,786,371.00 to Ksh. 637,379,693.00 being an effect of an increase in programmes: - P01: General Administration, Planning and Support Services by Ksh. 17M, P02: Basic Education by Ksh. 1,493,322.00 and P03: Vocational Training Services which is a new programme by Ksh. 12.1M.

In the development budget the County Treasury proposes a decrease in the budget by Ksh. 75M from Ksh. 172,729,112.00 to Ksh. 97,729,112.00 being a decrease in P01: General Administration, Planning and Support Services by Ksh. 75M.

The committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department be revised to Ksh. 637,379,693.00 and further recommends that development expenditure be revised to Ksh. 97,729,112.00.

2.10 Department of Lands, Housing, Urban Development and Energy

The department of Lands, Housing, Urban Development and Energy has an approved budget of Ksh 408,521,820.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 167,755,550.00 for development and Ksh. 240,766,270.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes to retain the total recurrent budget estimates for the department at Ksh 240,766,270.00.

In the development budget the County Treasury proposes to increase the budget by Ksh. 96,640,253.00 from Ksh. 167,755,550.00 to Ksh. 264,395,803.00 being an effect of increase in programmes: - P04: Mavoko Municipality by Ksh. 1,128,536.00, P05: Machakos Municipality by Ksh. 89,217,607.00 and P06: Tala-Kangundo Municipality by Ksh. 6,294,110.00.

The committee recommends that the recurrent expenditure for the department be retained to Ksh. 240,766,270.00 and further recommends that development expenditure be revised to Ksh. 264,395,803.00

2.11 Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Welfare

Hon. Speaker, the department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Welfare has an approved budget of Ksh. 317,294,772.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 192,655,003.00 on development and Ksh. 124,639,769.00 on recurrent expenditure.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the total recurrent budget estimates for the department by Ksh. 95M from Ksh. 124,639,769.00 to Ksh. 219,639,769.00 being an effect of increase in programs: - P01: Youth and Sports - Administrative Services by Ksh. 70M and P02: Gender and Social Welfare by Ksh. 25M.

The County Treasury proposes to increase the development budget by Ksh. 145M from Ksh. 192,655,003.00 to Ksh. 337,655,003.00 being an effect of increase in programs: - P02: Sports Management by Ksh. 75M and P03: Youth Empowerment by Ksh. 70M.

The committee recommends that recurrent expenditure for the department be revised to Ksh. 124,639,769.00 and further recommends that development expenditure for the department be revised to Ksh. 337,655,003.00

2.12 Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Climate Change

The department of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Climate Change has an approved budget of Ksh. 852,588,120.00 which constituted of Ksh. 718,500,000.00 for development and Ksh. 134,088,120.00 for recurrent.

The County Treasury proposes that the total recurrent budget estimates for the department be increased by Ksh. 12,100,000.00 from Ksh.134,088,120.00 to Ksh. 146,188,120.00 being an effect of increase in programs: P01: Water Resources Management by Ksh. 10M and P03: General Administrative and Support Services by Ksh. 2.1M.

Under development budget the Treasury proposes to increase by Ksh. 103,175,584.00 from Ksh. 718,500,000.00 to Ksh. 821,675,584.00 being an effect of an increase in P05: Climate change by Ksh. 103,175,584.00.

The committee recommends that recurrent expenditure in the department be increased to Ksh. 146,188,120.00 and development expenditure in the department be increased to Ksh. 821,675,584.00.

2.13 County Public Service Board

The County Public Service Board, has an approved budget of Ksh 58,013,709.00 which constituted of Ksh 20M on development and Ksh. 38,013,709.00 on recurrent. The County Treasury proposes that the recurrent budget estimates for the Board be retained at Ksh. 38,013,709.00 and the development be decreased by Ksh. 17M from Ksh. 20M to Ksh. 3M being an effect of a decrease in P01; Human Resource and Administration by Ksh. 17M.

The Committee recommends that recurrent expenditure of the County Public Service Board be retained at Ksh. 38,013,709.00 and the Development be revised to Ksh.3M.

2.14 County Assembly

The County Assembly has an approved budget of Ksh. 1,300,995,826.00 which constitutes of Ksh. 292M for development and Ksh. 1,008,995,826.00 for recurrent expenditure.

The County Treasury proposes to retain both the recurrent and development budgets estimates but with some realignment in the vote lines.

The committee recommends that the County Assembly development budget be retained at Ksh. 292M and the recurrent budget at Ksh. 1,008,995,826.00.

3.0 EFFECTS OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

Hon. Speaker, the overall effects of these proposed changes are a revision of the approved budget from Ksh. 14,747,002,447.00 to Ksh. 16,575,276,912.00.

A further analysis shows that the recurrent expenditure will increase by Ksh. 1,015,809,550.00 while development expenditure will increase by Ksh. 812,464,915.00. This translates to recurrent expenditure of 64 per cent and development expenditure of 36 per cent. Compensation to employees stands at Ksh. 6,715,240,150.00 translating to 41 per cent of the total revenue. This supplementary budget is therefore in compliance with fiscal responsibility principles set out under section 107(2) (b) of the PFM Act, 2012 except on compensation to employees which exceeds the 35 per cent set threshold.

In accommodating the recommendations by the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the expenditure framework shall be Ksh. 5,971,180,845.00 (36%) development, Recurrent Ksh. 10,604,096,067.00 (64%) and Compensation to Employees shall be Ksh. 6,715,240,150.00 translating to 41% of the total revenue.

3.1 GENERAL COMMITTEES OBSERVATIONS

In processing the Supplementary budget, the Committee made the following observations:

- a) The County Own Contribution for various donor funded programmes/projects which were not captured in the main budget have now been included in the Supplementary Budget.
- b) The proposed construction of silos total budget of Ksh. 50M has been reallocated.
- c) Provision for Ksh. 90M for establishment of the Machakos Youth Empowerment Centre.
- d) The Feeding programme budget Ksh. 75M has been moved from the development budget to recurrent budget which violates Section 154(b) of the PFM Act, 2012 and PFM Regulations, 2017 Section 47(d).
- e) Provision for compensation of employees exceeds the set legal limit of 35 per cent and stands at 41 per cent.
- f) Reallocation in some departments are more than the stipulated 10 per cent in the Public Finance Management Regulations 39(9) which states that “in approving any estimates, under Section 135 and 154 the County Assembly approval shall not exceed 10 per cent of the approved budget estimates of a program, of a sub vote unless it is for an unforeseen and unavoidable need.”

For instance, in the following departments under development; Devolution; Gender, Youth, sports and Social welfare; Lands, Urban Development, Housing and Energy; Education and Health. Under recurrent expenditure Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management; Health, Education, Devolution and Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Welfare. The law allows the County Assembly to approve a higher percentage in particular on special circumstance as stipulated under section 135 (7) of the PFM Act.

- g) The committee observed a major reduction in the development budgets for County Public Service Board by Ksh. 17M, department of Roads, Transport and Public Works by Ksh. 50M, Department of Health (Mwala Level 4 Hospital by Ksh. 10M, Kimiti Level 4 by Ksh. 6M, Masinga Level 4 by Ksh. 6M, Athi River Level 4 by Ksh. 6M, Mutituni Level 4 by Ksh. 7M and Kalama Level 4 by Ksh. 6M).
- h) Reduction of the Emergency Fund budget by Ksh. 20M from Ksh. 90M to Ksh.70M, which translates to 1% against the recommended 2% of the total revenue.
- i) A provision for payment of tax arrears amounting to Ksh. 170,305,824.64.
- j) A provision for outstanding payments for the last FY 2022/2023 of Ksh. 223,421,286.65 and other current transfers (procured and not paid) of Ksh.103,565,923.00.
- k) Allocation of a recurrent budget in the Office of the Governor and CPSB exceeding the CARA set ceiling by Ksh. 10M.
- l) The budget for the purchase of fire fighting vehicles and equipment of Ksh.40.5M has been reallocated and Ksh. 20.5M provided for the same but under other capital transfers.
- m) A provision of Ksh.10M under other current transfers for SEKEB.
- n) An increase of Ksh.138,021,080.00 in the Department of Health and Ksh. 63,996,000.00 in the Department of Finance for basic salaries.
- o) A provision of Ksh. 10M for a Water taskforce.
- p) Under the Department of Trade, industry, Tourism and Innovation, there is a provision of Ksh. 5M for other current transfers (Stakeholders' forum).
- q) Major provisions for other current transfers and other operating expenses across all the departments.
- r) The Committee noted introduction of new programs which were not in the initial approved budget and creation/enhancement of current and capital transfers.

4.0 SUBMISSION FROM CECM

The committee invited the Chief Officer from the CECM Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management to respond on concerns raised during the interrogation of the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2023-2024. The following were the submissions:

- a) This reallocation was to cater for County own contribution to meet the conditions set by donor.
- b) The Chief Officer informed the committee that the project has been deferred and the Ksh. 50M was reallocation for purchase of certified seeds and fertilizer.
- c) The Chief Officer informed the Committee that the funds were allocation to cater youth empowerment through training, purchase of materials, equipment and rehabilitation facilities
- d) The feeding program budget of Ksh. 75 M which was moved from the development budget to recurrent budget was as a result of an advisory from OCoB.
- e) On the reallocation in some departments exceeding the stipulated 10% were as a result of unforeseen happening like El-Nino rains.
- f) On the reduction of development budgets in some departments like CPSB, the Chief Officer responded that the funds were allocated to ICT for acquiring common user items and Reduction of development funds from Transport, Health departments amounting to Ksh

- 138,021,080 has been reallocated for construction of Machakos Hospital. Further plans for upgrading of Kangundo and Matuu to Level V are underway in order to decongest the Machakos Level V.
- g) On reduction of emergency fund, the Chief Officer responded adhered to the legal provision in Section 113 PFM Act 2012 which requires an institution to budget at least 2 per cent.
 - h) The Chief Officer provided documentary evidence on reallocation for payment of tax arrears amounting to Ksh. 170,305,824.64 and outstanding payments for FY 2022/2023 of Ksh. 223,421,286.65 and other current transfers of Ksh. 103,565,923.00
 - i) The Chief Officer also informed the Committee that the reallocation of Ksh 10M in the Office of the Governor is a non-ceiling item
 - j) The Ksh 40.5 for purchase of firefighting vehicles and Equipment were removed and a new vote for capital transfer of Ksh. 20.5 created to cater for repair and maintenance of firefighting engines.
 - k) In department of Health there was increase of Ksh. 138,021,080 for payment of basic salaries. This amount was to cater stipend for Community Health Promoter. In the Department finance an increase of Ksh. 63,996,000 was to cater for basic salaries for the new recruited revenue clerks. Members were concerned on the arrears for CHP which had not been allocated any funds and after consultation with the Chief Officer Finance, the committee has allocation Ksh. 67,500,000.00
 - l) On the introduction of new programs like digital Economic (SME) under the department of Trade and Public Communication under Finance were created to improve on efficiency and effectiveness.
 - m) On compensation to CHP, the Chief Officer stated that they are waiting for an advisory from OCoB so as to have a common provision countrywide.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that:

- a) The Committee was not provided with year to date actual expenditure reviews and IFMIS vote book to ascertain the need for reallocation in the departments. The expenditure details/ column is ever missing in budgetary documents forwarded and never availed as required. The same provides details on spending and reason for reallocation to the committee. The committee lacks details to explain to this Hon. Assembly on how much the executive has spent to date. The committee recommends that the County Treasury adheres to Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya that provides that the County Executive Committee member shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County.
- b) The committee recommends that the procurement process for development projects be initiated early enough at the start of the financial year in order to achieve the desired development budget uptake and ensure completion of the earmarked projects before the financial year ends.
- c) The committee recommends that personnel emolument ratio for staff be reduced from the current 41 per cent to 35 per cent as required in the PFM Act, 2012. The County Treasurer needs to come with strategies of overcoming this violation.
- d) The Committee recommends that the County Treasury avoids reallocations which are more than 10 per cent of the approved budget and in case of any unavoidable reason, authority be sought for such movements.
- e) The Committee further recommends that the PBB be resubmitted including all the missing information as per the budget circular.

- f) The Committee recommends priority be given to the on-going and stalled projects before initiating new ones.
- g) The County Treasury needs to provide a list of the items procured and not paid.

6.0 CONCLUSION

Hon. Speaker, with the approval of the FY 2023/24 this 1st Supplementary budget the County should increase the absorption rate and avoid carrying forward balances that have been witnessed in the previous years.

7.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee acknowledges the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for facilitating the Committee to undertake this exercise.

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

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the FY 2023/24 First Supplementary Budget before this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: At this point, I invite Members to debate this Motion. Hon. Brian Kisila proceed.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I commend the committee for the good work they have done over a very short time. However, I have some serious points which I want the Committee to highlight to us on why that decision came. Reason number one, I stood here as a Member of Mwala and I seriously defended the budget for Mwala level IV but it looks like this committee the only place they see saving is by cutting down the budget for Mwala Level IV. It has been cut down by Ksh. 10 Million further than the previous budget which had been allocated which was not even enough. That is an explanation which I need before I make a decision on the way forward.

Madam Speaker I am also very concerned on the reduction of the roads budget; if you look at the budget we provided for in the last budget, it was very low and it has again been reduced further by Ksh 72 million. Everybody knows El Nino is on the way and we know the state of our roads. Reducing the budget further will make it worse for us who are elected. This is a very serious omission. I also want to seek a clarification from the chairman on the reduction of 75 million from education budget. Is it coming from the bursaries or which area?

I highly commend the Committee for increase of water budget of Ksh 103 million, water is life and we know the work which the water committee and the department has been doing and that to me is a success story for this Assembly and the executive. I highly support.

You talked of asset disposal of Ksh100 million; which assets are being disposed; because any asset being disposed you need approval from this Assembly. That document needs to be tabled here.

Madam Speaker, we are pumping a lot of money on finance and revenue collection but it is unfortunate that the Chair said the budget for internal revenue is at Ksh 2.9 billion. We were expecting when we pump more money, now we should be to talking about Ksh 4 billion. Where is the leakage; we are spending money on internal revenue but we are not seeing an increase commensurate with the budget we are giving the Finance Department. That is an area we need to look at because we can continue pumping money to finance for system, for machinery, for automation; but we are not seeing that attraction. The chairman talked about Ksh 2.9 billion but we should now be on Ksh 3 billion in internal revenue. So where is the disconnect?

Madam Speaker, I am a bit worried about reduction of emergency funds; we know we are faced with El Nino and tough things are going to happen but when you reduce the emergency fund by Ksh 20 million and you go further and cut down on the firefighting equipment which we had provided for in some of this major towns including municipalities; in our committee we provided for firefighting equipment but you have taken away Ksh 40 million. What if a fire happens today? If you go to Matuu, you only have a small land-cruiser which cannot do firefighting. Machakos last time you saw when there was fire, Mavoko the same but you go ahead and cut Ksh 40 million out of firefighting equipment.

Madam Speaker, as the Chairman for Decentralized units, I totally oppose that. It is mandatory IFMIS be provided for a budget purpose; we are here and supporting H.E the Governor fully but it is important that we adhere to the recommendations of Public Procurement. The Chairman said that was not provided for; so what does that mean and what is the implication of that?

Second last, staff cost is at 41 per cent when the stipulated is at 35 per cent and the county is still increasing staff cost; how are we going to tackle development when we are at 41 percent when the stipulated is 35 per cent. I also have concern about reallocations of budget of more than 10 percent. Unless there is a good reason, it is not acceptable and is not within the law.

So, Mr. Chairman when you stand to highlight those issues and to convince us why we are making those adjustments and the reason why we should stand with you on passing this budget; those issues I find pretty serious need to be looked at.

My final point on the general observations; I do not have a problem with increasing the Health Budget, I sit in the health budget but we need to see absorption in that department. We are giving them more money but we are not seeing absorption especially on Level threes and Level Fours. When you increase Ksh 10 million to Matuu and decrease Ksh 10 Million in Mwala, you continue giving Machakos Level Five a burden to take a lot of patients.

We need to take back monies for Level fours and more money to level threes and twos so that people do not have to come to Machakos.

I support increase in budget reallocation but the Members who are in that health committee know well the absorption rate of health department is worrying. Madam Speaker, before I make my decision whether to support or support with amendments, I will like those points to be highlighted to me by the Chairman and we can make a decision because we have shortened the time and we have accepted. It is important those point are put across so that when we are making the decision to support with amendments or not support; that we are fully in the picture. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Brian. I observe we have very important concerns there; Hon. Ndambuki, while responding kindly highlight on those very important concerns. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by applauding the committee for burning midnight oil to ensure we have this supplementary Budget. The reason is; Hon. Speaker you are aware and it is within the public domain that as of yesterday, H.E the Deputy President said that the governors should not blame the National Government on issues of El Nino because they have monies in their counties. Without this Supplementary budget, the county may not be able to address some of the issues we are facing and it is evident that the long awaited El Nino is with us.

Again, I am a Member of the Budget Committee and some of the issues which Mheshimiwa Brian is raising here are pertinent and I can assist the chairman in responding to some of the queries that he is raising. Hon. Speaker, one of the reasons why we are increasing the allocation for the department of health; there is a proposal for all community health promoters to be receiving

something at the end of the month. As per the instructions given by H.E the President, he proposed that the National government will be giving Ksh. 2,500 and the county to top up with the same. per promoter. So, one of the reasons why we requested for this increase is to ensure that when the National monies are available, we still have ours because if we do not take care of that proposal , we may find ourselves in a situation where the National government is matching a shilling by a shilling.

Another reason, you remember there are some promotions which were given by the County sometimes back. We sat in the County Public Service Board (CPSB), because some of the complains we were getting from the staff is that whenever they are called for interviews, they all failed but we came to realize the interviews were not conducted in good faith. When H.E the Governor took over, some of the medical officers where promoted and since the day of promotion, they have never been given any cent. So, in that budget, there is Ksh 163 million for the arrears for those promotions.

The other reason Mheshimiwa Brian is talking about Mwala which is my neighbour and Mheshimiwa Brian is my brother; I understand what he is feeling if he losing Ksh. 10 million for Mwala level IV. We inquired from the department and those manning the finance docket and the response we got from the finance officers is that the County wants to ensure they elevate one hospital to Level V in every sub county. From the response we got, Masii has been given the highest allocation.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken, Hon. Ndawa, give him time.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): With all due respect, stop talking about other people's wards, stick to your ward. We are the ones who know the pain of our people. Do not stand here and start talking about Mwala. Last budget, you cut down my budget by Ksh. 20 million and you are standing here again....

Hon. Speaker: Leave the explanation; it will be given by the mover of the motion.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): It is important he does not move into that direction.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, restrict yourself to your ward.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker and thank you for that information. In fact I am supporting that the Ksh 10 million be reinstated to Mwala that is where I was heading. It is only that Mheshimiwa does not read well my mood or way of putting things. So from the report we got from that team, the argument was that Masii was given the allocation and Masii is also in Mwala Sub County.

Hon. Speaker: The concern is, do not tackle other wards issues and that level IV being under his ward do not. Let the concerned chair address it.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Well-guided Hon. Speaker. I still maintain that the Ksh 10 Million taken from Mwala should be reinstated because Mwala deserves to have that money. Hon. Speaker, sometimes when I have challenges in Matuu and my ambulance is not around, I

consult with my Hon. Brian Kisila and within no time Mwala ambulances come to rescue our patients and we have been relating well.

So it is good to have neighbours who are well equipped so that in case of any problem you can exchange those.....

Hon. Speaker: The point is home, proceed.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, M CCP): The other issue I have seen, we requested to know why the monies from roads department was reduced and we were informed that this is the first supplementary and we are likely to get another one later. So the whole amount which is in that docket may not be used within this short time and they said if they deem fit they can bring another supplementary and reallocate the money back to the department.

Hon. Speaker, as I conclude, this report before the House is addressing most of the pressing issues that are within our wards. As you aware, Matuu ward is along Thika-Garissa Highway and that is where most of the patients from the neighbouring Wards are brought in case of any accident or in case of diseases. Hon. Speaker the proposal to upgrade Matuu Level IV to Level V is something that we welcome with all our hands and hearts, so that we can assist our electorates and patients.

Also remember, Hon. Speaker, Matuu Ward also hosts the County Lodge which is the Office of the Governor and we get so many visitors in that County Lodge. In case of any problem within that Lodge, the nearest hospital is Matuu and the other one is Mwala. Hon. Speaker the proposal of upgrading that Level IV to Level V will address. Again Hon. Speaker, if your remember very well and the House at large, I moved a motion before this House concerning Matuu Level IV and some of the issues I was trying to address in Matuu Level IV are casualty wing, CT scan, completion of the morgue and oxygen plant. Hon. Speaker, going by the proposal by the Department, we can see a good number of items that we requested for are being addressed.

As we talk now, the piping of the oxygen is complete; we are now waiting to establish the plant itself so I can say that need they have tried. From the allocation that we have been given of Ksh. 54,000,000, we also requested to know what the money will be used for and we were informed that the issue of the CT scan will be taken care of using that amount and the issue of the casualty wing will also be taken care of.

Hon. Speaker, if we go by that the way we are moving I am very sure within a very short time some of the problems that are facing my people will have been addressed. So thank you very much and I request the Hon. Members also to agree with the report so that the County can move forward. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Minority Leader. May I ask Hon. Katiti to proceed after which Hon. Muoki Musila and Hon. Mbula. Something is wrong with my microphone. Proceed, Hon. Katiti.

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the work that has been done by the Budget and Appropriations Committee; it is exemplary.

I want to go straight to some of the recommendations that the Committee has made. I will start with (d) where they are saying when the County Treasury needs to do some allocations of more than ten per cent, then they need an approval from somewhere. I agree and say the law here is silent because they are not telling us approval from where. They should be specific and tell us they need the approval from either the Committee or the Assembly.

The other thing is about the priority that should be given to the stalled and the ongoing projects. That is good because some of the projects have never been done to completion and they need to be completed because there where monies that were channeled there previously. The residents want to see the idea and objective of the project being actualized. Those stalled projects should be completed and the ongoing ones also should be completed. The other thing is about what Mheshimiwa Kisila has said; I also come from Mwala Sub-County and the population is very big that needs a lot of attention.

The Level IV Hospital in Mwala, that kind of decrease or taking away the money from that hospital which we require so much should not have been taken away. We recommend and request that money to be returned to that hospital so that the services that are required and needed by the patients there can be addressed. I thank you and I also support the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Ndambuki, I hope you are taking note of the concerns raised by Members. May I invite Hon. Muoki to proceed?

Hon. Muoki wa Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by commending the Chair and the team that came up with this budget. It is to me a progressive budget if followed to the letter.

I want to say many things, Mr. Chair and your team, particularly by the mere proposal though Hon. Kisila does not want other people to talk about other people's Wards. For me I would request to be allowed to talk about other people's Wards. In particular I want to say thank you, you are proposing Matuu Level IV to be upgraded to Level V. Those who come from the diaspora understand how far Machakos is to bring a patient here. It has been my cry all long if Matuu Level IV could be upgraded to Level V which would be next to me and the other Wards that surround Matuu.

It would be the Level V of the please excuse me to say *weu*, that is including the whole of Masinga, Mwala, Yatta we would all be at Matuu. Please do not forget again Matuu Level IV is a highway hospital, it caters also for people along the lower Eastern part of Thika; people from Embu. It will be easier to access Matuu than Embu, particularly the people whom we are bordering across the river. North Eastern that is their route and whenever there are accidents along that road, it is Matuu Level IV that comes in handy. The other areas would be Kitui, so that is why I am saying it is very good for the proposal that has been forwarded for upgrading of Matuu Level IV to a Level V. Mr. Chair and your team thanks again.

One more thing, I am also grateful if the Level IV will become a Level V. For those who come from diaspora our hospitals have been in Muranga, Maragua, Mwea, Thika and sometimes Nairobi, with the Level IV being upgraded, we will never go again to those areas. It is the objective of the Governor we all be treated within the hospitals in the County, particularly because of the NHIF refund. If we will be treated in Matuu, then the refunds will be back in Machakos and as such, we will be getting more priority and specialized treatment within our borders. Thank you for that.

However, Mr. Chair with your team, I am also happy that you are looking at Ndithini Level IV hospital. I am happy and privileged today to seat next to the Chair, Health. Before, we had agreed they are coming to look at that facility. The Level IV we have at Ndithini is a shell of the name of Level IV. For those who have ever been there, they know it is just a small Level II hospital which bears the name Level IV but when you look at it, it is just a shell. I am happy that you are proposing to give us some money for the development of that hospital. I would have wished even the money that Mheshimiwa Ndawa is saying to be taken back to Mwala, can it be forwarded to Ndithini at least to make it a Level IV worth the name.

Madam Speaker, it is good and it would be very important wherever you are in accounting whenever we are talking about health matters, think about your brother when he is on the other side. Is he or she getting appropriate medical attention? Are we all going to be coming to Machakos?

We used to have two ambulances; one stationed at Ndithini, the so called Level IV and it is the one that is working. We have another one stationed at Mananja Health Centre which is a Level III. That one was grounded many years ago and it has never been on the road again. So we use our own cars to help the sick people to take them to Maragua, Thika, Embu and Mwea. Mr. Chair, if you are getting savings from elsewhere, please if you could channel them a lot more to Ndithini, I will be very happy.

Let me remind them about the budget for roads; in fact, I see and I do not know if it is me who is adding the Maths wrongly because when I add your Maths Hon. Chair they do not add up. The three roads that you have added here, they do not add up to Ksh. 711,000,000 and the other two roads the same. This Ksh. 50,000,000 you are taking from roads, to me I call it as an invention on my account.

Please, I wish to appeal to you to renegotiate and reinstate this amount because of given situations even as of now, particularly because of El-Nino. Where are we going to get the finances to fix the El-Nino problems? I am talking about connecting Matuu to the diaspora. The only road that we have passes through Ndithini, Muthesya, Ndalani and them emerges at Sofia, Kithimani. That is a road that requires rehabilitation or renovation every now and then.

Yesterday, Hon. Muindi told us in his area, Kikule, a bus overturned somewhere because of poor roads caused by the rains. Like now, it is raining and Kikule is a no go zone. How are we going to fix this if you cut on our budget? I am asking you. We only have one artery of a road, all the way through Ndithini, Muthesya, Ndalani and Kithimani to Matuu. If you can reinstate those monies so that we can rehabilitate those roads, we would be getting to the hospital we are talking about.

As such, we will stop going to the other areas; we will be concentrating on going back to where we belong. I tell you if you came from my area, you would understand what I am talking about. You take your ailing relative to a hospital, I do not want to say which particular one, but we went somewhere and I was there. Then you are asked just by the mere production of your ID or NHIF card the minute they see your name, *kwani kwenu hakuna dawa*. Those are the questions that we get. How are we going to get the medication if we do not have good roads?

I am trying to appeal to the Chair and his Committee, please do not invade the budget for the roads. If anything, reinstate it. Do not tell me I have heard Hon. Member for Matuu saying that it might be revised in another supplementary. Let us do it now and not wait for tomorrow; tomorrow you wait for it, it never comes. We might be caught before tomorrow; it is now if it is the best, *ama sio?*

I am trying to appeal to the Committee, I commend what you have done; is good job, but please look at that then you bring and we will pass. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Members when we are debating, let us address everything through the Speaker of the House not through the Chair. While you were away, I had identified Members in a certain order. Hon. Ndaka was next. Proceed.

Hon. Jackson Ndaka (Tala, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, let me start by saluting the Committee for the good job they have done. I have some few observations, Madam Speaker, which I would like to make some comments on.

Madam Speaker I come from Matungulu Sub-County which mostly relies on Kangundo Level IV Hospital. The two sub-counties rely on that one hospital and I have heard from the sub-

mission which has already been made by the Hon. Chairperson in this House that they have already made the decision to reduce the funding of Kangundo Level IV hospital.

Madam Speaker, the population there is big and reducing the funding of Kangundo Hospital, Madam Speaker is not fair for the two sub-counties. I urge Madam Speaker what Hon. Ndawa has proposed; let the amount be taken back to Kangundo Level IV hospital. I have heard that Madam Speaker the Hospital will be upgraded to Level IV hospital and reducing the amount of funding to that hospital is not good and you have already proposed the promotion of that hospital.

Madam Speaker, that hospital is very vital to our area and as I support the Motion, I urge the House to receive that decision and think big for the benefit of those residents. The other thing, it is good that we have heard through the document that there is an increase of the development funds. What I can urge the House is we encourage the Executive to do timely procurement to avoid what we have seen last month; speedy implementation of the project and we have time. As we pass the document, we urge Executive to do timely procurement.

The document is good Madam Speaker, but the last supplementary which came to this House, I think there were Level II hospitals which were being captured like the one in my Ward, Kyaume Level II hospital, and yet it was not implemented and I have seen there is allocation of public health funding. I do not know whether those hospitals this time will be implemented or what. Madam Speaker, I urge as we debate this motion Madam Speaker, let's take into consideration all the areas which are affected by the delay of the implementation of the project which has already been proposed and passed by this House, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Chair Budget please take note. Hon. Mbula then Hon. Kavyu, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, then Hon. Kaloi in that order.

Hon. Constance Mbula (Nominated, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I first want to thank the chair of the budget. It is not an easy job to do all of these figures and analyze them and he has done well. I want to say that I find the budget okay. However, only a few things that I see you will excuse me. I do not have my glasses; I cannot go through but I listened to what the chair said; I stand to be corrected, because through his speech, Hon. speaker, I don't think I heard anything to do with the El-Nino, and all has gone havoc.

Madam Speaker, I woke up in Nguluni today, and I knew I was to come here, and there is this ward where Hon. Lucky I know and I could not cross there is this bridge connecting Matungulu and Mukukuni, and it was impassable. I had to wait from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. so the water went down and I crossed over, and these are some of the things we need to look into. I want to say let us respect the members who are elected because they are the people on the ground and they know what is happening.

When they speak, when they ask why the money was reduced, I think they are also pushed by the electorates, because if I was just a woman from that area, and I could not cross, now I understand why I couldn't cross because it has not been done, but tell me about the ordinary mwananchi there who will wait to cross to go to her farm or to look at his cows. What would happen?

So the elected members please try and do whatever you are doing properly, and we want you to get the money. I know all the departments have been waiting, and especially at this time, agriculture department is well waiting to have this money and get to work.

So Hon. Speaker, I have no problem with the budget; the only thing is most of the things for the elected are not very well addressed. Like when we look into hospitals, every one of them wants their hospitals to be done; Level Five, Level Three, Level Four. If it is not possible, we are all human beings and we are the people who visit those hospitals and we need to think about the people on the ground for us here. We can afford here because we have insurance, we have every-

thing, we don't have to cross rivers on foot, but let them have their hospitals as they wish. If possible, all of them uplift their health status in their areas.

Madam Speaker, I can only say this is okay. If they can agree, I don't think we need to say let us wait for another thing to add this or add that, but let us also look at the El Nino funds. Last night, I heard the Vice President announcing that the money is there. Can Governors give out the money; I do not know how true that is. But if it is there, please let it be released and people would benefit. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mbula. Chair budget please check whether we have El Nino money and address this House on that. Hon. Kavyu proceed.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, M CCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to highlight a few items, and more so, on the Education department. Think Madam Speaker, education and especially the ECDE category that is purely under the County Government is a very key basic foundation of education for our kids. And think, for the second time now, we are seeing the budget for education being reviewed down.

On development, Madam Chair, we have a reduction of Ksh.75 million from the initial Ksh.172.7 million that had been allocated for that department and we are worried because most of the ECD classes and our vocational training are not in good shape. We acknowledge that for the last one year, we have seen some tremendous improvement and last financial year, we were only able to have like 10 classes that were to be done per ward, and Madam Chair, if we are going to move at that rate, it means at any particular point we will be having young kids who do not have a conducive environment for learning.

So, what we are appealing to the committee is to review the development budget and at least every financial year, we can have a class, an ECDE class per ward, so that we can cater to the rising ECDE demands, and also request the committee to provide some clarity on what amount has been allocated for capitation, because Madam Speaker, our VTCC are on their knees, and if we are not going to do something to boost them, we might have very good facilities that we have undertaken as a county to improve their current status, but good facilities and with insufficient facilitation, these institutions are not going to function.

We also want the Chair, budget to highlight how much has been allocated for capitation to ensure that our vocational training centers are well equipped to provide quality because as we can all recall, previously, this vocational training center used to be a hub or a processing unit for very qualified people, but with time, the quality of people who are coming out of those institutions is slowly going down, and it is because the institutions are not well facilitated, to provide that quality services.

We also want that taken care of and also to concur with those who have spoken previously, we are currently experiencing a lot of blessings in form of rain and we are already experiencing those calls from the members of the public. They are not even patient enough to wait for the rains to go. They want their road done like yesterday, then if we reduce the budget for roads, it means that we will not be able to meet that gap and the members of the public out there do not understand.

So we might find ourselves, if the budget is not enough, the Hon. Members might be forced to chip in and see how they can bridge the gap but today Madam Chair, we have an opportunity to bridge that gap and ensure that if you look at a sector like agriculture, we have already provided seedlings, people now are waiting for the harvest. So if there is any reduction that needs to be done, we can look for departments that do not have an immediate need for funds now and if there is another supplementary budget that is going to come then we can allocate, and we also request the committee in future to make sure that the absorption rate is provided because that will give a

very clear picture on which departments need more additional funds, and which ones do not need, because if your absorption rate is low, then there is no need for you being added more funds.

As I conclude, the same case for Athi River Level 4 is the only big hospital that is in Mavoko that is supposed to serve Mlolongo, Syokimau, Athi-River and Kinanie ward and sometimes members of people from Muthwani also visited the facility, but we also have seen a reduction on what is being allocated to it. So we also want that to be taken care of because Mlolongo, Athi-river and Kinanie by virtue of them being municipalities, and also their proximity to Nairobi, we have populations growing day by day.

So, there is need for it to be looked at and ensure that there is sufficient funds that is allocated to the facility so that it can cater to the larger population in Mavoko and probably have it upgraded to a level five because it is a very critical facility, and most of the time, we are forced to come and seek services at Machakos Level five, yet we have a facility. If well facilitated, it can serve the population in Mavoko, and by extension, even to our neighboring counties, which will translate to increased revenue for the County Government of Machakos.

That is my input, but with a very key interest on education department because we have ECDE centers that are in very dire need. So we will also like to get a response on the same, and once we look into this issue, I think we will be good to go. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Chair, look into the reasons as to why the budget on education has been reduced downwards. Who was the next Hon. Member? Deputy Speaker proceed.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala-WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I also happen to be a member of Budget Committee. Madam Speaker, I will start by stating that having this supplemental budget as at today was such a good thing so that we may supplement the monies that were left in the last financial year so that the current government may be able to pay some of the projects that were undertaken during that time and maybe time crossed over before those monies were spent.

I would also want, because many members have requested the chair to respond to so many issues, maybe to respond to some of them including the one Hon. Kisila, whom we can say that we can tell how he is feeling for the removal of Mwala Level four health center.

But Madam Speaker, I would want to say that the beauty of it is that the entire health sector has been added a lot of money, I think Ksh. 250 something million and sometimes because all these monies is going to our people, I think it would be good as we understand the pain he is going for the time being, and I remember we had a similar case with the Hon. Member, I think next time that road needs to be checked on seriously and Hon. Kisila I promise now to be taken care of that level four.

You know with the budget, it is about give and take and so I think on that one as a member, I will check on that. We will try also to see the level 4s that have not been taken care of that they are taken care and get an equal chunk of money so that your people may also get those good services.

On the issue of roads, yes, as a committee we had a concern on the issue of roads but you realize that the monies that were reduced from the Department of Roads are mainly for the construction of buildings, not for the development. So it is Ksh. 37 million that came from construction of buildings that we felt are not priority, as at now. But money meant for development is only little money.

I think we tried as a committee to balance these issues, you know, there is need of construction and enhancing our level of five hospitals here in Machakos and it is the one that got the biggest chunk. And it is for all of us not only for Mwala people, Ekalakala or any other ward; it is

meant for our people. So concerning health, we made sure that we got the highest chunk, although with those few issues, and I request members because there are just some few concerns that let us pass this one as we take care of the concerns that you have raised to the committee. Thank you, Hon. Members.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Kaloi and then Hon. Mutie.

Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi (Athi River, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not want to repeat what Hon. Members have said but as the Deputy Speaker says, we pass this supplementary budget but I think some observations and the committee needs to take note of this one, especially on the issue of the fire engines, the fire equipment that the Ksh. 40.5 million was reduced to Ksh.20.5 million. I think we need these fire engines like yesterday. We had a fire that broke down in Athi-River; we were forced to even call the fire engine station in Machakos to go to Athi-River to assist.

That tells you that we need more of these fire engines, so reducing to Ksh. 20.5 million I think the committee needs to recheck some of these issues. The feeding programme, the Ksh. 75 million moved to development budget, I think the feeding programmes aim in assisting the ECDE schools as per the manifesto of Her Excellency the Governor. We need these young kids to get these foods and I think it is appropriate that item also needs to be checked on the feeding programme.

I have seen also in the trade committee introduction of Ksh. 5 million for the children's party. I think to me the Executive means well for maybe the disadvantaged, the orphans especially in the period of Christmas times, that is my thinking. So I think that also the Ksh. 5 million is a good idea for having a party for these young children. Lastly, on the issue of roads, because many Members are also ascertaining that we have a challenge on our roads and the absorption rate needs to be checked and we keep on complaining about fuel every now and then even now, talk to the Executive there is no fuel, I do not see the need of reducing the Ksh. 250 Million recurrent to development to Ksh. 649,231 million. I think these departments need an increase of money so that the issue of fuel and other things that will enable our wards get these roads are catered for. So Madam Speaker, as we pass this budget, we need those items to be highlighted. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I lastly congratulate the budget committee for a well done job. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Mutie, please restrict yourself to what has not been mentioned, kindly.

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to thank you for giving me this time to comment and definitely I would not repeat what has been said; I would observe a different thing. First is to acknowledge the team that prepared this supplementary budget and the intent that is attached to it. My concern is only in the department of Health on several issues. The first thing is that, it is okay that the development budget has risen by Ksh. 121 Million to Ksh. 1.1 Billion. Of course the amendment is way above the 10 percent that is stipulated. My question to the committee is this, is this not an amendment to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper which was approved by the Assembly?

The second question that is coming out is that there seems to be a vote or a code referred to as general administration. At the Department of Health, this general administration takes a chunk of 71 percent of the entire development budget. The question is what is general administration? It has risen from Ksh. 538 Million to Ksh. 790 Million. In fact, I was tempted to check from Google so that I can understand what general administration in budgeting really is and in fact, it appears as a frequently asked question because nobody seems to define it.

This is what it says, that the following elements go into a general administrative expense: budget, rent, utilities, insurances, legal fees, depreciation on office equipment, supplies maintenance, travel expenses, miscellaneous expenses for which you have no product or service code assigned.

When you turn to the recurrent side you will also find that there is a similar mentioning of general administration and support services. That is something which is of concern to me. What is this code or vote called general administration because it seems that is money which is not attached to any specific activity in the department? The reduction of monies from various Level IV facilities to be consolidated in this animal called general administration is immoral, uncouth, unallowed.

When we say that we want to elevate one facility to become a Level IV, or V because we want to decongest Machakos Level Five, the same thing that will happen is that these facilities which have been deprived of resources will still cause an influx in Machakos Level Five. You do not achieve by reducing money in five facilities and pump that money in one facility. The people of Kangundo, for example, will not travel to Mwala, Matuu, the people of Mwala will not travel to Matuu. All those facilities which have been reduced in terms of allocations will all come to Level Five. So the intent to decongest loses meaning.

I believe that the committee of Budget should have interrogated this thing called general administration because it is a development budget and we know the facilities that we have in the counties. Then why do we have to create another subject to take a chunk of 71 percent of the development budget to leave a whopping 29 per cent to be shared in about 12 facilities that is inclusive of the public health?

Of concern also Hon. Speaker, is that we need as a House to reconsider the idea that the supplementary budget is a property of the Budget and Appropriation committee alone. I think other sectoral committees should be involved in preparing supplementary budget because if we interrogated the department of Health on the Fiscal Strategy Paper, we interrogated them on the ADP, CIDP then at what point does it become a property of the Budget committee alone, excluding the other committees.

We need to relook into this matter so that we can be able to ask the Health department, what wisdom do you have to reduce Ksh. 10 Million from Mwala Level Four? What wisdom do you have to increase the general administration from Ksh. 538 Million to Ksh. 790 Million? The committee does not have the authority to question because it is said that the supplementary budget is the sole responsibility of the budget committee.

At the end of the day, what we will have is a budget committee that is overwhelmed to the extent that some of these omissions being mentioned by members here are unavoidable. There I will propose that we need to relook into this idea of leaving the supplementary budget to the Budget committee alone.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, on the subject of health, I said I would restrict myself to health; we have three sectors as it is now. The public health seems to have lost about Ksh. 5 Million for development. I had a Member who questioned whether the proposals as they were in the previous years would still be undertaken. Ksh. 159 Million and bearing in mind that in the speech that the Governor gave it was her vision to have a Level Two facility in every sub location. With this Ksh. 159 Million, that vision might not be actualized.

It is my proposal that since now because of time we cannot interrogate this budget further, I want to challenge both the Assembly, the secretariat and the Speaker, because this document has just come to us just now, of course we cannot propose any amendments because we will be told that we should have brought that amendment some 24 hours ago, but we are time bad because this document was shared to us outside that time. Of course it offends Standing Order 35(2) so as we say we will pass this supplementary budget, let us learn from this mistakes to understand that

Number one, Members should be given this document in time so that if they have things they want to propose as amendments, they would not be told that they are time bad.

Number two I will still propose that we should do an amendment to our Standing Orders so that even sectoral committees can be involved in supplementary budget. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Member for bringing up those pertinent issues. I will ask the chair of budget to look at them. Let this House understand what is this general administration that has swallowed 71 per cent of the budget and why it has to move from the department of Health to it and the other concerns that the Chair of Health has raised, they are very important and of course going forward, we need to look into it that we get the involvement of the other committees to this so that it does not look like it is a budget committee property alone and the other concerns that he has raised, just address them and let us understand what it is that is swallowing the money from other departments.

At this point I wish to call upon the chair budget who is the mover of the motion to come forward and reply and in the reply, please address all those concerns; they are very important to us. Proceed.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker and I also wish to thank the House for their contribution to the debate on the report that the committee has submitted before the House. Hon. Speaker, I value the feedback that we have received from the Members and if you allow me, I will respond to them in the order that the issues were presented.

For the Mwala Level Four, the reduction that was done was majorly because of an item in the general administration component that has been mentioned and if you allow me Hon. Speaker before I give the reasons as to why that was reduced, allow me to share with the House components of the general administration item that appears under Health department and under that Hon. Speaker, we are having some monies from donors, that is DANIDA that we are having Ksh. 22 Million. Under that, we are having own contribution of Ksh. 22.5 Million and also we have another component under DANIDA, that is capital grants and transfers that is still under general administration which is having Ksh. 79 Million.

Still under that, we are having money for transforming health system for universal care project which is Ksh. 5 Million and the biggest chunk of that money, Ksh. 124 Million, is a program that is cost shared between the National government and the county government where we have leasing of medical equipment which we need to provide for money to lease equipment from the National government.

Also under general administration we have some money set aside for maintenance of plant machinery and equipment, that is Ksh. 20 million, and we have money for overhaul of other infrastructure and civil works of Ksh. 9 million and some money for purchase of software which is a new software that is being developed for patient information and management to be rolled out to all level three, four and Ksh. 500 million, part of the money that was reduced from Mwala and other Level Four facilities to fund Machakos Hospital which is a new facility and which is one of the flagship projects of the Governor and Ksh. 150 million---

Hon. Speaker: Are you still under general administration?

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Yes Hon. Speaker, I just want to debunk what general administration is. There is construction of non-residential buildings in Mlolongo, Syokimau, Mavoko, Athi River, Kinanie and Kalama Hospitals which has been given Ksh.

185 Million shillings and those are houses for non-residential buildings. Those are buildings with the facilities and those programs now will be run from the headquarters.

There is capital transfer from donor money, that is Kenya devolution support program, and that is what Hon. Ndawa said before that we are having a new or improvement of existing facility in Masii where we are getting donor money to the tune of Ksh. 141 Million. When we put that together, we get seven ninety Kenya shillings. So that is the general administration vote under the health department under development budget. That is why Mwala Level Four is losing Ksh. 10 Million together with other facilities.

We have DANIDA money where as a county we are supposed to have our own contribution before the donor gives us money and we also have that money for Masii hospital under Kenya Devolution Support Program.

Hon. Speaker: So during the usage will this general administration be used on Mwala hospital.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): No Madam Speaker. What happened is that in the principal budget the proposals that were forwarded to the committee on budget and appropriations did not have this amount however, the committee through its prudence knew that we needed to spread this money after consultation with the House during sectoral committees and I remember we were in Nairobi when we decided to spread this money from the Machakos hospital to other level four hospitals.

Then later on it was discussed between the committee and the executive that we needed to have this money reverted back to the original use that is the Machakos hospital being one of the flagship projects of the Governor. So that being so Hon. Speaker, this level four facilities have lost that money which has been taken back to the original intended purpose of having Machakos hospital which will be like teaching and referral facility. Hon. Speaker, still under health and before I go to any other department.

Hon. Ndaka requested to know whether Kangundo level four has lost money however Kangundo level four has not lost any money either on development or on recurrent but the facility has gained 12 million on development. Remember Hon. Ndawa mentioned that the executive is intend on up grading Matuu and Kangundo level four facilities to level five facilities.

Hon. Speaker, level 3 and level 2 facilities are under public health funding and they still have some money however, they have lost about five million on development and part of this money on development is to improve the existing infrastructure and existing buildings where we are having some facilities having construction on maternity wing and additional wards. That is happening across the county Hon. Speaker. On education there is Ksh. 75 million that has being moved from development and it reflects on recurrent budget.

We have not lost any money on that, however; this money was for feeding programs not construction of ECDE centers and with advisory from the Controller Of Budgets the nature of the usage of money, it is easy to have that money under recurrent not under development since this is a feeding program the executive can easily access this money for that use. The money for the ECDE rooms and bursary remains intact. ECDE centers at 35 million. For rehabilitation of youth polytechnics that Hon. Kavyu questioned. We still have money for that rehabilitation of youth polytechnics at 35 million and construction of new vocational training centers at Ksh. 12 million. So that money is still there Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Muoki Musila also asked about Ndithini level four and that facility has money that has not being touched. It is still there, we have Ksh. 1.6 million, money meant for medical and dental equipment and Ksh. 21 million for nonresidential buildings. You mentioned that the facility

is small as compared to the name that is being given to it. So we have Ksh. 21 million for construction of nonresidential buildings in Ndithini level four.

On roads I am glad that the deputy speaker responded about the issue of the 50 million under the roads department that money was not meant for construction of roads. However, it was money meant for buildings and the executive thought that for now we do not need to construct new buildings however that money can be used elsewhere and that money is what has been used or rather the committee sourced together with monies from their departments to get Ksh. 67.5 million for community health promoters.

Money meant for rural roads and major roads still remains there. For rural roads in the principal budget we approve 116 million and for major roads we approved Ksh. 235.5 million. That money is still there available. On firefighting equipment Hon. Speaker, it is true we need to get new equipment, however, after interrogation and cross examining the CO finance we agreed that for now they can rehabilitate the existing the firefighting equipment at Ksh. 20.5 million that we have given and reduce the budget from Ksh. 40 million. On the question as to whether any reallocation above 10 percent on the approved budget the executive needs to seek approval. Hon. Speaker, I believe and you will correct me if I am wrong that the House can delegate authority to committees and such the committee on budget and appropriations question that through the delegated authority from the Assembly.

So we questioned as to why there is reallocation above the 10 per cent and we were given sufficient information by the CO finance and any document that the committee requested from them was provided in that regard. Hon. Speaker, I rest my case ... sorry there is one more area that I have not tackled on local revenue. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Kisila asked about the local revenue where we mentioned that we are having Ksh. 2.9 billion on own source revenue but remember Hon. Speaker, we also have revenue from our hospitals 1 billion. When we put together we will get roughly about 4 billion on own source revenue. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: There is an issue that you did not address the asset disposal.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): I believe now there is the public procurement act that will be followed during disposal of assets. That money has been set...the 100 million is set aside to facilitate that when we questioned the CEC finance on the same during our principal budget he said that their target is to raise almost double of the 100 million that has been put there. So the county is set to gain almost Ksh. 100 million from disposal of steel or obsolete equipment and assets. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much. Point of information taken. Do not take a lot of time.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Hon. Speaker, I actually, the answers the chairman has given are very sufficient but the only concern I have is the Governors vision of Machakos level five Ksh. 150 million is already taken care of in the budget if you take the money which has been taken away. But taking money from Mwala to Kalama I do not think is justifiable. I can accept Ksh. 10 million being taken to Ksh. 150 million facility in Machakos level five but for Mwala I disagree. So kindly do not take money from Mwala to Kalama.

If chairman you go and I want to invite you, Madam Speaker, In fact I want to invite you Madam Speaker, with the entire House to Mwala level four you will all cry. It is only Mheshimiwa Kasanga here who knows what is going on. Men and women are sleeping in the same ward. We only have 16 beds. We do not have any---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila having said that the explanation is satisfactory---

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): It is not---

Hon. Speaker: It is not prudent to go ahead and complain.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): I am not complaining. It is not about level five and I still insist Madam Speaker, I am supporting the supplementary fully---

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): But I want to support with a caveat that when it comes to the committee of the whole house I will be moving a motion to restate the 10 million for Mwala because I understand the implications. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Thank you, chair budget I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

(Second Reading)

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023
- KENYA, GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.11 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILLS NO.7)

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee to come forward and proceed with that motion.

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki (Kathiani Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 21 (1) I beg to move the motion that the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2023 Machakos County Bill No. 7 be now read a second time? Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This Bill sets aside monies that the county executive will have for use to propel the wheel of development within the county. I wish to call upon Hon. Justus Mutuku to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Justus Mutuku proceed.

Hon. Justus Mutuku (Wamunyu, PTP) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

I invite Members to debate this motion. Members you are welcome to debate. Hon. Kisila proceed.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I want your permission since this bill was brought to us within the stipulated two hours to bring an amendment I want your permission that when we sit in the committee of the whole House that I will be allowed to move a motion to amend the reinstatement of Ksh. 10 million back to Mwala. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I just want to agree with my brother here because we started very late. In fact it was only five minutes to the appointed time for the morning sitting and the delay was not from the committee dealing with the budget. There was some information which was brought very late so Hon. Speaker, I kindly request you to invoke Standing Order 1 that motion to be moved without subjecting the Hon. Member to the two hours requirement. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. When that time arrives then I will allow that you proceed and bring amendments without having to look at time frames and proceed. Is it the same ruling I am making? It is something different. Then let me finish. So your prayers are granted. Any more contributions? Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Hon. Speaker, I think it is not a contribution. It is a request that I wanted to make from the mood of the House and the clarity that has been provided by the chair budget was satisfactory to the House you can put the question so that we can proceed.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House today)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. The House adjourns to Wednesday, 22nd November 2023 at 2.30 pm. Sorry what time? At 3.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.