# **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA**

# **COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA**

# **COUNTY ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

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# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA THE HANSARD- OFFICIAL REPORT WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024

The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 11:00 a.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

# PRAYER

# MOTION

# 1. The bungoma county $2^{\mbox{\scriptsize ND}}$ supplementary budget for the financial year 2023 /2024

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair or the mover of the motion you proceed. Hon. Nangulu the Vice chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations?

**Hon. Charles Nangulu**: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am here to give a report on Bungoma County  $2^{nd}$  supplementary budget by the Budget and Appropriations Committee. I am panting because I came running very fast from the cafeteria; my voice could be a bit disturbed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think first, you must tender an apology to this House. Hon. Kawa, you are out of order... you tender an apology because the entire Committee on Budget was out of this House. This is a special sitting was to start from 11:00 a.m. and you take House for granted. If I was to adjourn, it means there was no business to go on in this House; so you tender an apology on behalf of the Committee.

#### (Applause)

Honourable Members, through the Speaker, I indeed apologise for coming in late by two minutes; with my apology accepted I continue...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Nangulu, just proceed because even that apology is not made in good faith.

#### (Applause)

Being late is late; whether by one hour or... you are late; proceed.

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**Hon. Charles Nangulu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I give a report on  $2^{nd}$  supplementary budget for FY2023/2024. I will go to chapter one:

#### Background

On behalf of the Members of Budget and Appropriations Committee and pursuant to Section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Regulation 39 of Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 and Standing Order No. 239 of County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, it is my pleasure to present to this House, the Committee's report on the Second Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2023/2024 that was tabled on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

#### **Committee Membership**

As currently constituted, the Committee comprises the following members:

1) Hon. Jack Wambulwa Chairperson 2) Hon. Charles Nangulu Vice Chairperson 3) Hon. Anthony Lusenaka Member 4) Hon. Meshack Simiyu Member 5) Hon. Joan Kirong Member 6) Hon. Miliah Masungo Member 7) Hon. Sudi Busolo Member 8) Hon. Ali Machani Member 9) Hon. Grace Sundukwa Member 10) Hon.Caleb Wanjala Member 11) Hon. Polycarp Kimeta Member

#### Acknowledgement

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for the logistical support. The Committee also extends its gratitude to the County Executive Committee Members, County Chief Officers and the County staff who appeared for Sector Committees' interrogations .

In addition, we applaud all Sector Committees for fruitful deliberations they had with their sectors and for the informative reports they submitted to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Finally, the significant role played by the Committee members and secretariat in the compilation and completion of this report cannot be overlooked.

It is now my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, to present to this House the report of the Committee on the Second Supplementary Budget FY 2023/2024 for debate and adoption.

Signed by Hon. Jack Wambulwa - Mca, Kimaeti Ward and the Chairperson to the Budget and Approprations Committee.

#### **CHAPTER TWO**

#### Overview of the Second Supplementary Budget F/Y 2023/2024

The County had approved in the first supplementary budget Kshs. 15,470,095,611 for the financial year 2023/2024. This has been reduced by Kshs437, 861,854 to Kshs15, 032,605,757 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary Budget. The recurrent budget has been reduced by Kshs35, 873,421 and development by Kshs401, 988,433. The recurrent budget will be Kshs9, 791,556,763 (65 per cent) while development will be Kshs5, 241,048,995 (35 per cent).

#### **Rationale for the Second Supplementary Budget Estimates**

The Second Supplementary Budget FY 2023/24 was occasioned by the following;

- a) Compliance with the approved County Governments Additional Allocations Act, 2024 (CGAAA, 2024) and the Equalization Fund Appropriation Act, 2023 that has resulted in a net reduction of Kshs437,861,854 on the resource envelop due to the following changes:
  - Equalization Fund of Kshs137,839,232 reduced by Kshs79,059,397
  - ▶ Lease of Medical Equipment Kshs124,723,404 dropped
  - Transfer of Library Services Kshs6,865,428 dropped
  - NARIGP Grant reduced by Kshs90 million to reflect Kshs60 million in the current year
  - National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)
    Kshs250 million reduced by Kshs50 million
  - Introduced Value chain support projects grant of Kshs35,809,200

- ➢ ASDSP reduced by Kshs4,550,444
- Drop of KUSP grant recurrent Kshs35,885,078 and development Kshs133,767,487
- KISP II additional Kshs2,599,830 to reflect Kshs82,599,830
- > Additional Kshs48,580,354 on the Kshs125 million climate change grant
- b) Re-prioritization of County government programs, projects and initiatives.
- c) Provision of associated costs for Madaraka day celebrations to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.

## Revenue

The Second Supplementary Budget has seen the total county resource envelop reduced by Kshs437,861,854, from Kshs15,470,095,611 as approved in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supplementary budget to Kshs15,032,233,757.

## Summary of Resource Envelop

	ITEM	TOTAL
1	Balance Brought forward (Equitable share)	275,350,297
2	National Government Additional Allocation	596,742,635
4	Equitable share 2023/24	11,111,983,608
	Additional Grants from Development partners FY	
5	2022/23	719,076,146
6	Retention fee	150,000,000
7	Local Revenue plus AIA	2,020,272,854
8	Funds	158,808,217
	GRAND TOTAL	15,032,233,757

- Conditional grants from National Government reduced by Kshs210,648,229 to Kshs596,742,635
- Conditional grants from development partners reduced by Kshs227,213,625 to Kshs719,076,146

## Madaraka day support programme

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The CECM - Finance circular on the  $2^{nd}$  supplementary indicates that Madaraka day celebrations total funding requirement by the County Government is Kshs148 million and the departments were to provide funds as follows:

Department	Amount in Kshs
Agriculture	15,000,000
Gender, Youth and Sports	25,000,000
Finance and Economic Planning	15,000,000
Health	8,000,000
Public Administration	14,000,000
Trade	16,000,000
Lands	20,000,000
Water	5,000,000
Roads	30,000,000
Total	148,000,000

# CHAPTER THREE

## Departmental Highlights of the Second Supplementary Budget FY 2023/2024

#### Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development

#### **Agriculture and Irrigation**

The Department had an approved budget of Kshs180, 171,236 for its recurrent expenditure. There is a proposed reduction of Kshs7, 522,553 on basic salaries which had an approved budget of Kshs154, 890,833 leaving a balance of Kshs147, 368,454. The reduced amount relates to members of staff who have exited service.

On development, the Department had an approved budget of Kshs893, 920,452. There is a proposed net reduction of Kshs142, 372,099. The following votes are affected;

• A reduction of Kshs140, 000,000 on other capital grants and transfers which had an allocation of Kshs704, 113,827.

The amount relates to a reduction of:

- ✓ Kshs90 million on NARIGP
- ✓ Kshs50 million on National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)
- A reduction of Kshs2, 372,099 on specialized materials and supplies which had an approved budget of Kshs7, 009,425.

# **Livestock and Fisheries**

On recurrent, the Department had an approved budget of Kshs150, 548,615 and there is no proposed change while development with an approved budget of Kshs63, 284,293 has proposed net increase of Kshs29, 844,682. The following votes are affected;

- An increase of Kshs31,258,756 on other capital grants and transfers which had an approved budget of Kshs39,644,293 making a total of Kshs70,903,049. The changes are:
  - ▶ Introduction of the Value chain support projects grant of Kshs35, 809,200.
  - ▶ Reduction ASDSP by Kshs4, 550,444.
- Other Infrastructure and Civil Works has a reduction of Kshs1, 414,074 which affects rehabilitation of Bungoma slaughter house allocation of Kshs5, 090,000.

# **Cooperative Development**

The Department had an approved recurrent budget of Kshs28, 390,058 with no changes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary Budget.

On development budget of Kshs10, 000,000, other infrastructure and civil works had reduction of Kshs3, 691,448 which has been reinstated due to minimal allocations towards co-operatives.

# Tourism, Environment Water and Natural Resources

## **Tourism and Environment**

The Department had an approved recurrent budget of Kshs373, 476,842 which has a net increase of Kshs2, 399,464 and the votes affected are as follows;

- A reduction of Kshs3, 354,054 on basic salaries. The reduction is due to the delay in recruitment of the climate change and environment officers.
- The allocation of Kshs220,800 for electricity and Kshs57,600 on water and sewerage charges dropped
- An increase of Kshs429, 728 on travel costs.
- A reduction of Kshs137, 479 on catering services.
- An increase of Kshs5, 753,517 on contracted cleaning services which had an approved budget of Kshs312, 552,734 making a total of Kshs318, 306,251. This Committee has further made an additional Kshs2.05million to fully cater for the contract sum.
- A reduction of Kshs13, 849 on maintenance expenses for motor vehicles.

On development, the Department had an approved budget of Kshs221, 399,464 and there is a proposed net increase of Kshs41, 180,890. The following are the affected votes;

- An increase of Kshs48, 580,354 on other capital grants and transfers. The amount relates to additional figure on the Kshs125 million climate change grant. The County Treasury however submitted a letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 from National Treasury showing revised allocations to the 47 counties. Bungoma County will get an additional Kshs195, 781,943 and not Kshs48, 580,354 resulting in a total of Kshs320, 781,943. The Department submitted a letter confirming receipt of Kshs296.3 million in the special purpose account.
- Other Infrastructure and Civil Works with an allocation of Kshs7, 399,464 for perimeter wall at the dumpsite has been dropped.

## Water and Natural Resources

The Department had an approved recurrent budget of Kshs61,605,249.There is a proposed net increase of Kshs2,000,000. The following are the affected votes;

- A reduction of Kshs1, 879,361 on basic salaries which had an approved allocation of Kshs31, 504,769 that was meant for recruitment of water officers.
- A reduction of Kshs217, 600 on electricity and Kshs120, 000 on water.
- An increase of Kshs673, 400 on travel costs making a total of Kshs1, 402,400.
- A reduction of Kshs61,800 on advertising awareness and publicity campaign
- A reduction of Kshs74, 000 on catering services.
- A reduction of Kshs19, 000 on general office supplies.
- An increase of Kshs2, 000,000 on refined fuels and lubricants.
- A reduction of Kshs84, 000 on maintenance expenses-motor vehicles.
- An increase of Kshs1, 879,361 on pre-feasibility and appraisal studies which had an approved budget of Kshs9, 000,000 for KOICA co-funding.

On development, the Department had an approved budget of Kshs271, 247,394 and there is a proposed reduction of Kshs2, 000,000 on purchase of workshop tools and spares which had an approved budget of Kshs8, 810,745 for Madaraka day celebrations.

# Gender and Culture

# Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Department had an approved recurrent budget of Kshs85, 108,400 and there is a proposed net reduction of Kshs1, 865,428. The following are the affected votes;

- An allocation of Kshs5, 000,000 on contracted professional services for Madaraka day handbook.
- A reduction of Kshs6, 805,428 on other grants and transfers which was meant for the transferred library services from National government to counties.

Development budget had no changes.

# Youth and Sports

# Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Department of Youth and Sports had an approved 1<sup>st</sup> supplementary budget of Kshs114, 475,401; Kshs25, 491,075 for recurrent and Kshs88, 984,326 for development.

The development vote has been enhanced by Kshs60 million towards Masinde Muliro Stadium from an allocation of Kshs26 million to Kshs86 million. This Committee still reiterates on the need for due process to be followed on variation costs in relation to project execution.

# **Trade, Energy and Industrialization** Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Department has a total budget of Kshs839, 947,291 comprising Kshs55, 931,358 recurrent expenditure and Kshs784, 015,933 for development expenditure. This supplementary proposes to increase the recurrent vote by Kshs13, 000,000 and reduce the development vote by Kshs40, 000,000.

This supplementary affects the following three vote heads;

- Under energy, an increase of Kshs13,000,000 on electricity expenses from Kshs13,900,000 to Kshs26,900,000 (recurrent)
- Under Trade, an increase of Kshs20, 000,000 on other infrastructure and civil works (construction of Kamukuywa market) from Kshs72, 000,000 to Kshs92, 000,000 (development). Submissions from the Executive indicate that the project will be among those ones that the President will visit.
- Under Industrialization; a reduction of Kshs60,000,000 on overhaul of other infrastructure and civil works (Industrial park co-funding) from Kshs160,000,000 to Kshs100,000,000.

## **Education and Vocational Training** Mr. Speaker Sir,

A total of Kshs1,694,682,113 comprising Kshs1,235,580,113 recurrent expenditure and Kshs459,102,000 development expenditure was appropriated in the first supplementary budget FY 2023/2024. This supplementary had not proposed any changes in the Department's vote, but the Department did a petition to this Committee which was partially considered as follows:

- The reduction of Kshs16.1 million for recruitment of the ECDE teachers which is not achievable in this financial year due to delay in the recruitment process.
- Reduction of Kshs3.9 million on the leave allowance which was over budgeted. •

The total of Kshs20 million had been redistributed to recurrent votes in the Department which the Committee declined and reallocated the amount to KRA demands under Finance.

Further, on the recruitment of ECDE teachers, the remaining Kshs6.1 million was reallocated to boards and conference at Kshs3M and field allowance at Kshs3.1 million for collecting data and reporting on the ECDE staffing requirement to guide in the recruitment process.

On Madaraka day activities Kshs1 million has been moved from the Emergency Fund to the development vote for Construction of toilets at DICECE; where visitors will be hosted.

# Lands, Urban & Physical Planning

# Lands

A total of Kshs96, 056,672 comprising Kshs47, 096,564 for recurrent expenditure and Kshs48, 960,108 for development expenditure was appropriated in the first supplementary budget. This supplementary did not propose any changes in the Department's vote.

In revising the allocation of funds relating to Madaraka day celebrations that had initially been appropriated under the Emergency Fund, this Committee re-allocates the item on urban beautification with Kshs25 million.

# Housing

A total of Kshs236, 311,274 comprising Kshs29, 811,174 on recurrent expenditure and Kshs206, 500,100 on development expenditure was appropriated in the first supplementary FY 2023/2024. This supplementary did not propose any changes to the recurrent vote while there is a proposed reduction on the development vote by Kshs7, 400,170 as illustrated below:

- Other Capital Transfers and grants have an increase of Kshs2, 599,830 to Kshs82, 599,830 for the KISIP2 grant.
- Other infrastructure and civil works had a reduction of Kshs10,000,000 to Kshs113,500,000 with the program affected being the construction of Office Block complex which had an initial allocation of Kshs98,500,000 and now reduced to Kshs30.7 million. A further Kshs15 million was dropped on Deputy Governor Residence due to delays in commencing of the two projects. There is a high likelihood of non-absorption of these funds by end of the financial year. The pace at which the Governor's residence is being constructed is slow.

## Bungoma Municipality Mr. Speaker Sir,

A total of Kshs285, 775,162 comprising Kshs43, 099,914 on recurrent expenditure and Kshs242, 675,248 on development expenditure was appropriated in the first supplementary budget FY 2023/2024. This supplementary proposes to reduce the recurrent vote by Kshs20, 074,841 and development vote by Kshs73, 575,248.

The recurrent decrease of Kshs20, 074,841 relates to the KUSP grant which could not be realized in this financial year.

For the development vote, there is a reduction of Kshs68, 575,248 on KUSP grant and a reduction of Kshs5, 000,000 on other infrastructure and civil works (purchase of land for trailer park which had an initial allocation of Kshs38, 000,000).

# Kimilili Municipality

A total of Kshs236, 702,484 comprising Kshs44, 855,505 for recurrent expenditure and Kshs191, 846,979 for development expenditure was appropriated in the first supplementary

financial year 2023/2024. This supplementary proposes to reduce the recurrent vote by Kshs15, 810,237 and development vote by Kshs70, 192,239.

The recurrent decrease of Kshs15, 810,237 relates to the KUSP grant which could not be realized in this financial year.

For the development vote, there is a reduction of Kshs65,192,239 on KUSP grant and a reduction of Kshs5,000,000 on other infrastructure and civil works (construction of modern market stalls which had an allocation Kshs32.7 million).

#### Roads and Public Works Mr. Speaker Sir,

Total approved budget for the Department was Kshs1,241,741,914 broken down as Kshs113,463,594 recurrent expenditure and Kshs1,128,278,320 development. There are no changes on the recurrent votes.

On development, Kshs30 million has been reduced leaving a balance of Kshs1, 098,278,320. The votes affected are:

**Construction of Roads-** Kshs15 million has been reduced from an initial allocation of Kshs145, 500,000. This relates to contracts frameworks which had already been done with certificates ready for payment as per the sector committee's report hence the amount has been reinstated.

**Overhaul of Roads and Bridges** has been reduced by Kshs15 million. This relates to dual carriage way pending bills that had initial allocation of Kshs150 million and now reduced by Kshs5 million; while Misikhu Brigadier Road with an allocation of Kshs195 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> supplementary budget has been reduced by Kshs10 million.

The Roads Department also received allocation in relation to Madaraka day celebrations from the Emergency Fund as follows:

- Bill boards and signage Kshs18 million
- Aluminum road signboard Kshs6.8 million

# Health and Sanitation Health Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Department had an approved budget of Kshs3, 277,984,695; recurrent Kshs3, 011,615,862 and development Kshs266, 368,833. The supplementary has a proposed net decrease of Kshs8 million on recurrent and Kshs124, 723,404 on development. The changes in the budget are as below:

• Increase on field allowance of Kshs2, 700,000 from the approved estimates of Kshs3, 600,000.

- A reduction of Kshs10, 500,000 on Medical drugs from the approved estimate of Kshs75, 000,000 where this Committee voted back Kshs8 million since it is a key commodity. Additionally, Kshs2 million was added to non- pharms and Kshs2 million to laboratory materials.
- The reduction on development relates to lease of medical equipment grant.

# **Health Facilities**

The Health facilities are funded by AIA collections with no funding from exchequer.

All the facilities have proposed internal reorganisation on their votes except Naitiri and Sirisia sub county hospitals. Notably during interrogation and as reported by the sector committee, most votes proposed for reduction had been exhausted by half year as per the financial statements before this House. The Medical Superintendents submitted that their aspirations were not captured on the supplementary changes hence the Sector Committee allowed them to submit reviewed budgets as attached. The reviewed budgets as considered by this Committee display the following:

- ✓ A drop in the allocations for salaries for the contracted staff since it is undertaken by the headquarter budget.
- ✓ Allocations for key utilities ( electricity, water and sewerages) that missed out in the annual and supplementary budgets
- Additional allocation on key commodities like medical drugs, non-pharms, chemical & industrial gases and Laboratory materials.
- ✓ Reallocation of Kshs70.2 million and Kshs33.8 million from development to recurrent expenditure for the BCRH and Webuye respectively.

Public Health and Sanitation had no changes.

#### Finance and Economic Planning Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Department has an approved 1<sup>st</sup> supplementary budget of Kshs1, 510,850,610; this has been reduced by Kshs25, 287,397 to Kshs1, 485,791,213 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget.

## Administration

The Administration had an allocation of Kshs929, 130,694; this was enhanced by Kshs17, 071,649 to Kshs946, 202,345

Vote heads affected include:

- i. Employer Contributions to NSSF increased by Kshs4,855,559 to Kshs207,131,205
- ii. Domestic Travel and Subsistence increased by Kshs24 million.
- iii. Foreign Travel and Subsistence was reduced by Kshs7, 897,459.
- iv. Printing, Advertising Services reduced by Kshs11,260,700 to Kshs3,428,100

- v. Training Expenses allocation of Kshs8 million which the Department defended on the need to train all the PFM staff as both National and County Governments move from cash basis operations to accrual basis.
- vi. Hospitality Supplies and Services has been increased by Kshs19 million.
- vii. Office and General Supplies and Services increased by Kshs3,598,000.
- viii. Legal fees of Kshs4 million was dropped.
- ix. Management fees was increased by Kshs6 million.
- x. Other operating expenses (KRA demands) reduced by Kshs2, 049,649 to Kshs62, 950,531. The Department submitted that a total of Kshs102, 202,560 has been paid in relation to the 2020/21 tax demand which is over and above the approved allocation of Kshs65 million. The extra Kshs37 million was attached and paid from Department's votes that are seeking replenishment in this supplementary.

However the Department presented an additional demand notice of Kshs18 million which has a 30 day notice which this Committee considered and allocated.

- xi. Routine Maintenance of building and computers reduced by Kshs1, 177,102.
- xii. Car loans to civil servants reduced by Kshs21,997,000 to Kshs5,003,000
- xiii. Additional Kshs15 million has been allocated to cater for expenses that relate to verification of pending bills and stakeholder engagements on the annual budget.

#### Planning

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Directorate had an allocation of Kshs26, 095,966 that has been reduced by Kshs2, 201,184. The deduction was from office and general supplies Kshs1, 635,584 and office furniture Kshs565, 600.

#### Accounts

The Directorate of Accounts had an allocation of Kshs20, 319,230 that has been reduced by Kshs710, 000. The vote affected is purchase of office furniture and general equipment.

#### Procurement

The Directorate had a total allocation of Kshs18, 118,235; it was reduced by Kshs884, 735 to Kshs17, 233,500. The affected votes were;

- i. Printing, advertising services was reduced by Kshs656, 735.
- ii. Purchase of Office Furniture and General Equipment was reduced by Kshs228,000

#### Revenue

The Directorate had a total allocation of Kshs39, 279,040; this has been reduced by Kshs8, 724,500 to Kshs30, 554,540.

The votes affected include;

- i. Printing, advertising and information Kshs5, 126,000 dropped.
- ii. Specialized materials reduced by Kshs3, 598,000.

#### Budget

The Directorate had an allocation of Kshs68, 570,271; this has a net increase of Kshs1, 531,000 to Kshs70, 101,271

Votes affected include;

- i. Hospitality increased by Kshs2,031,000,
- ii. Temporary committee expenses increased by Kshs600,000 and
- iii. Purchase of furniture has been reduced by Kshs1, 100,000.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

The Directorate has an allocation of Kshs17, 121,610 and this has been reduced by Kshs1, 975,000 to Kshs15, 146,610. Votes affected include;

Printing Kshs415, 000; and

Purchase of office furniture- Kshs1, 560,000 dropped.

#### **Special Programme Coordinating Unit (SPCU)**

The Directorate had an allocation of Kshs23, 703,083; this has been reduced by Kshs2, 436,430 to Kshs21, 266,653. Reduction on office and general supplies and services Kshs936, 430, maintenance of computers Kshs700, 000 and purchase of office furniture Kshs800, 000

#### ICT

ICT had been allocated Kshs14, 370,000; this has been reduced by Kshs1, 898,800 to Kshs12, 471,200. The vote affected is Routine Maintenance of computers.

The Committee notes that the House had resolved that the ICT Directorate be taken back to the Public Service Management and Administration Department.

#### Development

The Department of Finance and Economic Planning had an allocation of Kshs336, 594,700 as approved in 1<sup>st</sup> Supplementary Budget FY 2023/2024. This has a net reduction of Kshs25, 059,397 broken down as:

- i. Emergency Fund increased by Kshs69 million to Kshs169 million as shown in the table below:
  - Urban Beautification Kshs25,000,000
  - Renovation of DICECE/Revenue office and head quarter Kshs7,200,000
  - Water, Juices, soda and Assorted Snacks Kshs4,000,000
  - Billboards and signage Kshs18,000,000

- Aluminium road signboard Kshs6,800,000
- Commercials Kshs1,000,000
- Digital Communication Kshs1,500,000
- Jumbo Flag Kshs1,000,000
- Miniature flags Kshs2,000,000
- Printing of flyers/poster Kshs2,500,000

On Emergency Fund, the CECM Finance made a request to this Committee for the Madaraka day allocations to be distributed to the respective departments in order to hasten implementation and each department to be accountable on activities within their jurisdiction.

In looking at the Emergency Fund Regulations, the PFM Act and Regulations this Committee considered CECM- Finance's views due to the following reasons:

- Most of the items listed under Emergency Fund are recurrent in nature and not development yet emergency lies under development.
- Madaraka day celebrations cannot be deemed to be unforeseen since the county Government had prior knowledge of hosting Madaraka as from last year. This Committee in consultation with the CECM for Finance has reappropriated the costs relating to Madaraka to the respective line departments.
- The allocation of Kshs6.2 million for revenue office/County head quarter refurbishment has been moved from Emergency Fund to other infrastructure and civil works and enhanced by Kshs7 million.

Emergency Fund also had a balance to be brought forward from the last Financial Year of Kshs54, 215,731 which this Committee has appropriated the figure on the Emergency Fund vote.

- Other infrastructure and civil works (revenue enhancement facilities) reduced by Kshs15 Million to Kshs12,550,000
- iii. Capital grants and transfers (equalization fund) reduced by Kshs79, 059,357 to Kshs58, 779,835. The revised distribution is :
  - ✓ Kapkateny Ward Kshs18,899,531
  - ✓ Chepyuk Ward Kshs20,683,167
  - ✓ Elgon Ward Kshs12,599,687
  - ✓ Kaptama Ward Kshs6,597,450

Attached is the revised work plan.

# Public Service Management and Administration, Office of the County Secretary; Office of the County Attorney, Office of H.E. the Governor and Deputy Governor

# **Public Administration**

A total of Kshs895, 170,577 comprising Kshs842, 244,097 on recurrent expenditure and Kshs51, 713,249 on development expenditure was appropriated in the First Supplementary. There were no changes on recurrent vote.

On development, there is a proposed reduction of Kshs14, 000,000. The amount was meant for the construction of ward offices. Each of the five ward offices had a reduction Kshs2.8 million from the allocated Kshs9.5 million which this Committee declined. Basing on sector committee views, the amount was sourced from Kapkateny and Milima wards allocations since the two offices have not started due to unresolved land issues. The two wards will be prioritized in the FY 2024/25.

The Committee also reallocated from Emergency Fund, Madaraka day items that relate to this Department as follows:

- ✓ Commercials Kshs1 million
- ✓ Digital Communications Kshs1,500,000
- ✓ Jumbo Flag Kshs1,000,000
- ✓ Miniature Flags Kshs2,000,000
- ✓ Printing of flyers/Posters Kshs2,5000,000
- ✓ Water, juice ,soda and assorted snacks Kshs4,000,000

## **County Secretary**

The office had an approved budget of Kshs22, 899,543: recurrent Kshs10, 106,720 and development Kshs12, 792,823. It had no changes in this supplementary.

The CECM, Finance in his submission indicated an existence of AIA on Commission on salary processing amounting to Kshs10 million that need to be appropriated. The appropriated amount will be spent on payroll cleansing and audit.

He also submitted a letter indicating a balance of Kshs6, 753,137 in the KDSP special account which the Directorate of HR proposed to buy a motor vehicle. This Committee declined the request and retained the funds under County Secretary but be used for equipping the Sub County hospitals that were constructed with the same grant.

## **Governor's Office**

The Governor's office had an approved recurrent budget of Kshs445, 731,698 with no proposed changes. Due to Madaraka day celebrations and basing on Treasury's submissions, Kshs8million has allocated for media engagement, publicity and advertising.

#### **County Assembly**

The County Assembly had an approved recurrent allocation of Kshs1, 132,238,230. The proposed changes in the budget are as below;

#### The proposed decrease relates to:

- Total reduction on personnel Kshs41,392,467
- Communications supplies and services Kshs1, 880,500.
- Foreign travel and subsistence, and other transportation costs Kshs5, 742,045.
- Publishing and printing services Kshs2, 271,600.
- Subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and periodicals Kshs660, 800.
- Trade shows and exhibitions Kshs504, 000.
- Remuneration of instructors and contact based training services Kshs598, 600.
- Field training attachment Kshs3,000,000
- Accommodation allowance Kshs5,100
- Supplies for broadcasting and information services Kshs200, 000.
- Purchase of uniforms and clothing Kshs1, 008,982.
- Office and general supplies and services Kshs6, 500,000.
- Fuel and oil lubricants Kshs500,000
- for contracted guards and cleaning Kshs2,876,784
- Membership fees dues and subscriptions to professional and trade bodies' Kshs5, 800,000.
- Routine maintenance Kshs1, 298,950.
- Gratuity of civil servant Kshs2, 928,276, for the contracted ward staff.
- Purchase of computers printers and other IT equipment's Kshs2, 050,330.
- Purchase of other office equipment Kshs2, 700.
- Research, feasibility studies, project preparation and design Kshs8, 500,002.

Recurrent votes with proposed increases relates to;

- Basic salaries of permanent employees' Kshs30, 125,097.
- > Domestic travel and subsistence, and other transportation costs Kshs9, 300,882.
- Advertising, awareness and publicity campaigns Kshs900,419
- ➢ Travel allowance Kshs6,603,700
- ➤ Tuition fees Kshs1, 500,000.
- ➢ Insurance costs Kshs10, 000,000.
- > Purchase of production of photographic and audio visual materials Kshs194, 300.
- ➤ Management fees Kshs8, 900,000.
- Contracted professional services Kshs1,663,007
- > Other operating expenses (KRA) recorded an increase of Kshs10, 000,000.
- An increase of Kshs139, 231 for gratuity for Members of County Assembly.
- > Purchase of office furniture had an increase of Kshs2, 165,000.

#### Development

There was a petition from CASB on refurbishment of the Assembly's structures as per directive from the Department of physical planning on the need for a facelift of all the buildings within Bungoma town in readiness of Madaraka day. The request of Kshs15 million which was granted will be spent on the following:

- Painting of the perimeter wall
- Refurbishment of the debating chambers,
- Repair the front canopy roof in the administration block,
- Repair the County Assembly seats and painting of the old buildings.

# **CHAPTER FOUR**

# Committee Observations and Recommendations Committee's Observations

This Committee makes the following observations;

- 1. The resource envelop has a net reduction of Kshs226,444,534 due to the approved CGAAA 2024, Equalization Fund Act, 2023, Emergency Fund balance brought forward, Climate change grant and salary processing commission.
- 2. Most supplementary allocations are lump sum with no activity costing and expected outcomes e.g Kshs25 million for urban beautification with no clarity on the scope.
- 3. The reorganisation of votes in the health facilities has resulted in votes that were reported to have no funds in the half year financial statements having deduction. With the facilities implementing their budgets off IFMIS it is difficult to ascertain the true position of its votes.
- 4. Some department had over budgeted on salaries leading to reductions in the supplementary budget.
- 5. There is delay in implementation of projects/programs e.g office block, DG residence, some ward offices and recruitment of ECDE teachers affecting the absorption rate of especially development funds.

#### **Committee's Recommendations**

This Committee makes the following recommendations;

- 1. That revised work plans of the affected grants that have increased or reduced should be submitted to the respective committees.
- 2. That the basis for the calculation underpinning the supplementary pursuant to PFM Reg. 39 (6) (d) should be provided to defend allocations by providing the activity costing of all the budgeted programs.

- 3. That the health facilities should implement their budget on the IFMIS platform. This not only fosters better financial management but also helps in optimizing resource allocation for improved healthcare service delivery.
- That County Treasury should abide by PFMA 129 (1) (a) when submitting to the County Assembly budget estimates with supporting documents and PFM regulations 39 (6) (c) in promptly providing reasons/explanatory notes on changes on a vote in supplementary budget.
- 5. That all departments must submit their payroll to the sector committees during interrogations of the annual budget 2024/25 to support the salary allocations.
- 6. That all departments should submit clear work plans to sector committees on implementation of budgeted programs/projects to ensure recurrent budgets are consumed alongside development budgets.

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	SECOND SUPPLEM	ENTARY B	UDGET EST	IMATES	FOR FY 20	23/24
	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE'</b>	S RECOM	MENDED DI	EPARTME	NTAL DEC	CREASES
		AND	INCREASES			
A	EDUCATION					
	<b>RECURRENT(PROGR</b> AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	basic salaries	2110199	-	26,163,9 12		
	Field allowences	2210309			3,163,91 2	
	Committee Boards and Conferences	2210802			3,000,00 0	
	Sub-Total			26,163,9 12	6,163,91 2	(20,000,00 0.00)
A	EDUCATION					
	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Other infrastructure and civil works (Renovation of DICECE (from Madaraka emergency allocation)	3110504	-		1,000,00 0	
	Sub-Total			-	1,000,00 0	1,000,000. 00

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С	FINANCE					
	RECURRENT (PROGRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Other operating expense (KRA)	2211399	(2,049,649		21,049,6 49	
	Committee boards and conferences	2210802	15,000,000		15,000,0 00	
				-	36,049,6 49.00	36,049,649 .00
C	FINANCE					
	DEVELOPMENT (PROGRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Other infrastracture and civil works (revenue office (from Madaraka emergency allocation)	3110504	6,200,000		7,000,00 0	
	Emergency fund	2810205	69,000,000	62,800,0 00	54,215,7 31	
				62,800,0 00	61,215,7 31	(1,584,269 .00)
D		PUBLIC				
	RECURRENT(PROGR AMMES)	ADMINS ITEM CODE	TRATION SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Catering services (water, juice,soda etc)	2210801	-		4,000,00 0	
	advertising, awareness & publicity (commercial)	2210504	-		1,000,00 0	
	advertising, awareness & publicity (digital communication)	2210504	-		1,500,00 0	
	advertising, awareness & publicity (jumbo flag)	2210504	-		1,000,00 0	
	advertising, awareness & publicity (miniature flags)	2210504	-		2,000,00 0	
	advertising, awareness & publicity (printing of flyers)	2210504	-		2,500,00 0	
	Sub-Total			-	12,000,0 00	12,000,000 .00

D		PUBLIC ADMINST	RATION			
	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM SUPP CODE ALLOCA TION		DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	other infrastructure (construction of ward offices)	31110504	(14,000,00 0)	5,000,00 0		
	Sub-Total			5,000,00 0	-	(5,000,000 .00)
D		COUNTY SECRETA	RY			
	<b>RECURRENT(PROGR</b> AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Commission on salary processing Sub-Total				10,000,0 00.00	
	Sub-1otal			-	10,000,0 00	10,000,000 .00
D		GOVER NORS				
	RECURRENT(PROGR AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Media mobilization, publicity				8,000,00 0.00	
	Sub-Total			-	8,000,00 0.00	8,000,000. 00
E	COUNTY ASSEMBLY					
Ľ	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Other infrasrtructure and civil works Refurbishment	3110504	-		15,000,0 00.00	
	Sub-Total			-	15,000,0 00.00	15,000,000 .00

	LANDS					
	RECURRENT(PROGR AMMES)					
	Temporary Committee	2211320	-		2,000,00 0.00	
				-	2,000,00 0.00	2,000,000. 00
E	LANDS					
	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	urban beautification	31110599	-		25,000,0 00.00	
	Sub-Total			-	25,000,0 00.00	25,000,000 .00
E	HOUSING					
	RECURRENT(PROGR AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Temporary Committee Expenses	2211320	-		2,000,00 0.00	
				-	2,000,00 0.00	2,000,000. 00
	HOUSING					
	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	other infrastructure (Admin block)	3111504	(10,000,00	57,800,0 00		
	other infrastructure (DG residence)		-	15,000,0 00		
	Sub-Total			72,800,0	-	(72,800,00

	ROADS					
E	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	construction of roads - Others	3110499	(15,000,00		15,000,0 00.00	
	Other infrastructure and civil works (aluminium road signage)	31110599	-		6,800,00 0.00	
	billboard and signage (from emergency)				18,000,0 00.00	
	construction of roads - Others	3110499	-	5,000,00 0		
	Sub-Total			5,000,00 0	39,800,0 00	34,800,000 .00
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F	AGRICULTURE		CLIDD	1	DICDE	
	DEVELOPMENT(PRO GRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Other infrastrucure and civil work (co-operative development)	3110504	(3,691,448)		3,691,44 8.00	
	Sub-Total			-	3,691,44 8.00	3,691,448. 00
F	HEALTH					
	RECURRENT(PROGR AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	drugs	2211001	(10,500,00		8,000,00 0.00	
	laboratory equipment	2211008	-		2,000,00 0.00	
	Dressing and Non-pharms	2211002	-		2,000,00 0.00	
	Sub-Total			-	12,000,0 00.00	12,000,000 .00

F	Tourism and environmen	t				
	<b>RECURRENT(PROGR</b> AMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	contracted Cleaning services	2211305	5,753,517		2,058,90 3.00	
	Sub-Total			-	2,058,90 3.00	2,058,903. 00
	Tourism and environment	t				
	DEVELOPMENT (PROGRAMMES)	ITEM CODE	SUPP ALLOCA TION	DECRE ASES	INCRE ASES	
	Capital Grants and Transfers(FLLOCA)	2640503	48,580,354		147,201, 589.00	
				-	147,201, 589	147,201,58 9.00
	GRAND TOTAL			171,763, 912	383,181, 232	211,417,32 0.00

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	TREAS URY INITIA L TOTAL	RECU RRENT	Increas e/Decr ease	NET RECU RREN T	DEVE LOPM ENT	Increa se/decr ease	NET DEVE LOPM ENT	COMM ITTEE' S RECO MMEN DED TOTAL S
Agricultu re, Livestock , Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperati ve Develop ment	1,220,26 3,433.49	369,277, 553.49		369,27 7,553. 49	850,985 ,880.00	3,691,4 48	854,677 ,328.00	1,223,95 4,881.49



Tourism			2,058,9	377,93	253,580	147,20	400,781	778,717,
and	629,456,	375,876,	<i>03</i>	5,209.	,354.25	1,589	,943.25	152.50
Environm	660.50	306.25		25				
ent								
Water				63,605	207,642		207,642	271,247,
and	271,247,	63,605,2		,248.5	,145.00		,145.00	393.55
Natural	393.55	48.55		5				
Resource								
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Roads				113,46	1,098,2	34,800,	1,133,0	1,246,54
and	1,211,74	113,463,		3,594.	78,320.	000	78,320.	1,914.20
Public	1,914.20	594.20		20	00		00	
Works								
Educatio		1 007 70	-	1,215,	459,102	1,000,0	460,102	1,675,68
n and	1,694,68	1,235,58	20,000,	580,11	,000.00	00	,000.00	2,113.30
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n	17,375,7	2,017,43		430.00	366.00		366.00	96.00
	96.00	0.00		(0.021	767 040			026.274
Trade,	026 274	C0 021 2		68,931	767,343		767,343	836,274,
Energy	836,274,	68,931,3		,358.0	,241.00		,241.00	599.00
and In ductrial	599.00	58.00		0				
Industrial								
ization				10.007	19.060	25.000	72.060	102.056
Lands,	06.056.6	47,096,5	2 000 0	49,096	48,960,	25,000,	73,960, 108.25	<i>123,056,</i>
Urban and	96,056,6 72.25		2,000,0	,564.0	108.25	000	100.25	672.25
Physical	12.23	64.00	00	0				
Planning								
Bungoma				23,025	169,100		169,100	192,125,
Municipa	192,125,	23,025,0		,073.0	,000.00		,000.00	<i>172,123,</i> <i>073.00</i>
lity	073.00	73.00		0	,000.00		,000.00	075.00
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Municipa	150,700,	29,045,2		,268.0	,740.00		,740.00	008.00
lity	008.00	68.00		,200.0	,, 10.00		,, +0.00	000.00
Housing	000.00	00.00	2,000,0	31,811	199,099	-	126,299	158,111,
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and	299,089,	108,734,		4,113.	,587.50		,587.50	700.57
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County				1,132,	136,737	15,000,	151,737	1,283,97
Assembly	1,268,97	1,132,23		238,23	,650.00	000	,650.00	5,880.00
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Finance			36,049,	1,210,	311,535	-	309,951	1,520,25
and	1,485,79	1,174,25	649	305,49	,363.00	1,584,2	,094.00	6,593.00
Economi	1,213.00	5,850.00		9.00		69		
c								
Planning								
County				48,352	14,500,		14,500,	62,852,5
Public	62,852,5	48,352,5		,554.0	000.00		000.00	54.00
Service	54.00	54.00		0				
Governor			8,000,0	453,73	0.00		0.00	453,731,
's Office	445,731,	445,731,	00	1,698.				698.00
	698.00	698.00		00				
Office of				27,336	0.00		0.00	27,336,5
the	27,336,5	27,336,5		,583.0				83.00
Deputy	83.00	83.00		0				
Governor								
Public			12,000,	854,24	37,713,	-	32,713,	886,957,
Administ	879,957,	842,244,	000	4,096.	240.00	5,000,0	240.00	336.70
ration	336.70	096.70		70		00		
Sub-				6,000,	0.00		0.00	6,000,00
County	6,000,00	6,000,00		000.00				0.00
Administ	0.00	0.00						
ration								
Office of			10,000,	33,865	12,792,	0	12,792,	46,658,5
the	36,658,5	23,865,7	000	,720.0	823.00		823.00	43.00
County	43.00	20.00		0				
Secretary								
Total			64,108,	9,855,	5,241,0	147,30	5,388,3	15,243,6
	15,032,2	9,791,18	552	293,31	48,994.	8,768	57,762.	51,077.0
	33,757.0	4,762.58		4.58	50		50	8
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Compone				64.65	34.87		35.35	100.00
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								211,417,
								320.00

That marks the end of the report and the adoption schedule is signed by all the members. In this form, can I ask the Chair of the Committee Hon. Jack Wambulwa to second the motion?

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Makari, what is the issue before I bring on board Hon. Jack? Thank you, Hon. Nangulu for moving the report on behalf of the Committee.

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I know Hon. Nangulu is tired but a very curious thing; out of the Committee of 11, only four people are prosecuting this report. We are sitting in for them and they are not there. What are they avoiding?

#### (Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Chair of the Committee; their sentiments are valid because it is you who triggered the Leader of Majority to ask me to call this special sitting. So upon the call, it is meant for the Committee and the entire House. If your members have taken cover and they are leaving it for other members, I think it is not in good faith but the beauty of it is that what Hon. George Makari has raised is not anchored anywhere in any known law so...

#### (Laughter)

It is just for our consumption that there are no committee members in this House but whenever the Speaker is determining the quorum of the House, you look at a third of the sitting members, of which I am having more than a third of the 63 Honourable MCAs. We proceed, but Honourable Chair of the Budget Committee, take the sentiments of the members very seriously that they can't be sitting and labouring to pass the budget and the members of the Budget Committee have taken cover.

Kindly proceed, Chair, Budget...

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank and applaud my Vice-Chair, Hon. Nangulu, for taking us through the second Supplementary Budget. At the same time, I want to take Hon. Makari's sentiments positively and this is the time that leadership, which actually works on selection, should do something so that it can give me committed members, but to confirm...

#### (Applause)

... we have five members; Hon. Joan is just within. She has not gone far; here she is. We have five members, which forms the quorum and like you put it, what is important is the House numbers. We all have the quorum and when we have the quorum, we can move ahead. Let me move quickly and observe some of the areas that members should be looking into.

You look at some of these departments in this Second Supplementary Budget, are deducting salaries. What does it tell us Honourable Members? That in the annual budget which we are starting in the coming week, let us insist on having the payroll of every sector. It means that money is hidden in salaries. Why should it come in the second supplementary? That is an observation.

Two, that there is delay in the implementation of projects and programs e.g. the office block has not taken off, the DGs residence has not taken off and many other projects. Why do we have this delay after the second supplementary?

I request the sector committees to take their time and visit these projects in their departments. Looking at our recommendation, just two of them; That the County Treasury should actually abide by the Section 121 (a) of the PFM Act when submitting to the County Assembly budget estimates with supporting documents and PFM Regulations 339 (6) (c) in promptly providing reasons, explanatory notes on the changes on vote heads in the supplementary budget.

Finally, that all departments must submit their payroll. We require payrolls so that we can save this money and do development in our wards. Otherwise, I wish to take this opportunity, to second the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, just to make some small corrections. This report is never seconded *per se* like other normal reports because if you look at the wordings on the Order Paper, the House takes note of the report because we are going to the Committee of the Whole House which will be making amendments if there are any. So, thank you very much for seconding the report. For that purpose, I will propose a motion for debate.

# (Question proposed)

Yes, Hon. Otsiula, don't worry about the issue of the mood of the House; I have not seen any mood here, so do not worry. You go, I have said Hon. Job.

#### (Laughter)

Hon. Job, you proceed!

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It happens that we come from the same place and we are almost the same body size. So, you might easily...

Mr. Speaker: I reserve my comment about the issue of the body size. Proceed!

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali**: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me first laud Hon. Nangulu for having read the report eloquently and I also laud the Chair of the Committee for having spearheaded that Committee to come up with those good resolutions in that report. I have some few issues to put across as much as I am in support.

I have looked at the report and notably, when you look at the Department of Water and Sanitation, they are increasing travel costs. At this particular time, I see the increase of those travel costs as unnecessary because we are almost headed to the end of the financial year.

When you look at the Department of Trade, I have noted something on development. They have reduced development and you know they have put Kshs20, 000,000 on Kamukuywa market. To me, I strongly hold that, you know, as much as when you look at the allocation that had been made on that particular market, it is not explained whether the money has already been used or not and already, we have actually done an increase of Kshs20, 000,000 on the same.

To me Madaraka Day is not an emergency. The Kshs20 million can't be used within this period of two weeks. There are some other projects which this money should have been appropriated to and this money would have helped the County in a better way.

On education, there is some Kshs20, 000,000 which in my view should have gone to pending bills rather than re-allocating the money to the issue of boards and conferences and field allowances. You know, right now, field allowances to me are not a priority. The main aim of this supplementary budget has been because of the issue of Madaraka Day. If we go ahead and allocate a whopping Kshs20, 000,000 and yet the issue of pending bills has been a thorn in the flesh, we are not being wise. Kshs15, 000,000 on committee facilitation and yet we have pending bills. It is quite unnecessary.

When we go to the Department on Lands, I want to strongly believe that the issue of Madaraka Day is a key factor; but as much as we want not to beautify our County, as we welcome the visitors from across the country, putting Kshs25, 000,000 on urban beautification... only urban! You know, we are only looking at Bungoma and maybe Webuye town if those are the urban centres that we have. Then we are taking a whopping Kshs25, 000,000 and put on beautification. As a county, we are losing a mark somewhere.

This is an event that is going to happen within one day; but of course we are going to have visitors and already visitors are in this town. Must we take a whopping Kshs25, 000,000 and put on beautification of this County? Why don't we take Kshs10, 000,000 and maybe put on a certain road and the remaining Kshs15, 000,000 put on beautification? I want to say that the Committee was very wise, especially when it comes to the issue of framework, reinstating the framework money.

I want to say that the Committee was very wise and I support them fully especially when we are looking at the issues of development. Pending bills have been an issue in this county and removing money on development will just directly mean that. You know, we are creating more pending bills for the sake of Madaraka Day as we head to the end of the financial year. So, I want to really support what the Committee has done besides from those few issues that I have raised.

Lastly on dropping of legal fees; there are so many cases in courts that this County is actually pursuing. We have had an issue of pending bills in terms of paying our advocates and legal counsels who go to the courts to present the issues on behalf of this County.

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Job, just hold on! Hon. Makari what is the order!

**Hon. George Makari (On a point of order)**: Honourable Speaker, I wouldn't wish to interrupt my colleague, but the gazetted sitting for this session is up to 1:00 p.m. I know you are very wise and you know that and Hon. Job was still speaking. So, maybe if we can carry on in the afternoon...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Makari, the Chair can't be guided on what is supposed to be done. Hon. Job, you proceed!

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Let me finish. That I do not support the issue of dropping of the legal fees and yet we have the advocates to pay. Finally the miniature flags at Kshs2, 000,000

to me are unnecessary when we still have those flyers that our people will be carrying when at the Madaraka Day function. I submit.

# ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, it is at 1:00 p.m., we will adjourn. The order of our presentations when we resume from where we stopped will be; Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, Hon. Nganga, Hon. Hentry, Hon. George Makari, Hon. Psero, and Hon. Caleb.

# (The House rose at 1:00 p.m.)