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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

MOTION

1. THE BUNGOMA COUNTY 2ND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE FY 2023/2024

(Resumption of debate)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, as per Standing Order No. 35 we adjourned in the middle of debate, we will now resume from where we had stopped. I hereby invite Hon. Nganga to speak.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance to contribute towards this motion. First I would like to thank the mover of the motion and the entire Committee on Budget and Appropriations. I rise to support this motion and one of the reasons I support this motion is that the County Executive had proposed to deduct Kshs10, 500,000 from the allocation for medical drugs. The wisdom of the Committee under leadership of Hon. Jack Wambulwa came up with a good idea to vote back Kshs8 million to remain in the Health Department for purchase of drugs. Again they added Kshs2 million for non-pharms and another Kshs2 million for laboratory materials. It is a good idea because health is important and a healthy nation or county is a hard working county.

However, I am looking at the Department of Education where it is not practicable with the remaining period of about two months to employ the ECDE teachers. As a basis, the Budget Committee decided to deduct Kshs16.1 from this vote since the activity is not achievable because the recruitment process was delayed. Hon. Speaker we have to be keen to understand because the advertisement for recruitment of ECDE teachers was done some seven (7) months ago and the monies were appropriated to employ the ECDE teachers. We need to understand what caused the delay in the recruitment because ECDE is one of the core functions of the County Government including vocational training; which were full devolved and it is our area of jurisdiction as Honourable Members. I look at a scenario where employment will not be done even if right now at Mabanga, the County Public Service Board is conducting interviews on an

activity that cannot be concluded basing on Budget Committee because the money has been removed.

This is again because in the previous government, we had a similar scenario where ECDE teachers were not employed. I am not against the removal of the funds because basing on the reasons given in this report; it is not practicable for County Government to employ due to a delay in the recruitment process.

When you look at different departments, it has been mentioned that most departments are deducting salaries as alluded to by the seconder of the motion Hon. Jack Wambulwa. To my understanding, salary is a fixed cost and has to remain constant and once you budget for it, it has to remain the same. It is not something like a wage which can vary. I think under these departments, the Chief Officers and the CECMs appears were trying to hide some money somewhere through budgeting for something that does not exist and now they are moving the same. Therefore, the way were advised by the Chairperson, Budget Committee, we need to be keen when interrogating all those quarterly reports and even the main budgets that are normally proposed by the Executive. We should be keen and establish funds set aside for salaries and are what the number of employees is.

Lastly, this is my advice on the issue of Madaraka Day; when you look at this budget; most issues are revolving around Madaraka Day activities. One time my grandfather told me that I have to be keen not to punish my wife for failing to cook well for the visitors. Because visitors will only visit you for a day and when you punish your wife without remembering that you will stay with her for a long time; you be destroying your house. There are those departments where monies had been budgeted to pursue some activities and now they have been deducted; they have suffered loss and hence those programed activities will not be executed. I thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me a chance. I support the report.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. From the outset I wish to mention that I support this report because of the purpose that necessitated it. I wish to laud the Committee and pray that if we considered the prayers and the need that necessitated this 2nd Supplementary Budget; because I remember in the wisdom of the Honourable Members of this House one day it was mentioned that we put the Executive on toes on the preparedness of this county to host Madaraka Day. In fact they put the Governor on his toes and questioned that why is it that we cannot have an appropriation done in a proper manner and be brought to this House for allocation of funds. I know it is in that spirit that we have this 2nd Supplementary Budget.

Hon. Speaker on page 11; the Committee has highlighted the need for Madaraka Day and Kshs148 million was meant to go towards supporting this noble course. Madaraka Day is coming

with its goodies where this county is going to benefit enormously courtesy of the celebrations being held for first time in this county.

As I support this motion, there are some areas that make me wonder because when you go to page 13 of this report on Tourism and Environment; they are talking of allocation of Kshs220,000 for electricity and Kshs57,200 on water and sewerage charges to be dropped. I don't know if it is going to address the effects because sewerage and electricity is a fundamental issue. Therefore, I am sure that when the Committee was working on the same they captured the aspirations and need for those things; and assessed that those areas are not going to suffer.

On the issue of contracted cleaning services, I want to believe that these services are going towards cleaning this town as we prepare for these celebrations because they have gone ahead to give an additional Kshs200 million so that they cater for the full contract sum of cleaning services. I want to believe that the Committee found it best that it is going to enhance... We want to look at the town and believe that going forward, we are going to see a clean town because there will be no reason for the town to be in a bad shape when the contractor has been given enough support.

Unfortunately there is a reduction on the issue of maintenance of motor vehicles. This is something that the Committee is aware of and we believe that it is in the best interest because in as much as we are preparing for the celebrations but movement must be there. In the same Department we have money deposited in the special purpose account and the Department submitted a letter confirming receipt of Kshs296 million; money coming to this county to support. We pray that the holders of the office are going to put this money to proper use.

We have other areas of concern; on page 15 of the report we have Kshs60 million in the Department of Youth and Sports on Masinde Muliro. In as much as I support because Masinde Muliro is the venue of the same celebrations; the variations that were done on that stadium is a subject that this House should understand how they came about. I wish to urge that at an opportune time, this House must get informed on the results of the variations and if it was done in a proper manner or not.

Under energy there is an increase and we pray that this is going to light this town. As we walk around during the day, you find that electricity is on and it is not that the electricity is free; we pay for the same and the payment affects other areas. The Chairpersons of Energy and Industrialization and Implementation Committees should get on top of issues so that we get to understand the officers and the offices charged with responsibility of switching on/off. Because of time, I wish to give a chance to other Members to make their contributions but we want to laud the Committee and pray that the monies appropriated should go towards addressing the needful areas as required to facilitate the Madaraka Day celebrations and other areas where

additional funds have been given. We should be alert and ensure that money is put to proper use. I support Hon. Speaker.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First of all I laud the Committee although they did not do a good job as witnessed by many glaring issues in this report. As I support, I pray that we pass this report with amendments which are on the way coming to your Office. We have a problem and if you look at page 11; when you look at the letter written by the CECM, Finance to the Clerk of the County Assembly forwarding the Supplementary Budget...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Hentry, what is the issue?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa (on a point of order): Mr. Speaker, I was the one to take the Floor but I rise on a point of order where Hon. Makari should clarify because he is anticipating debate...

Mr. Speaker: He is not anticipating, he is order and allow him make his submissions.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: But he is already anticipating that we have amendments yet he has not contributed to the motion...

Mr. Speaker: Look at the law on amendments. That aside, the Speaker may allow depending on the time frame. Kindly resume your seat.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Let me believe that he is not the one who is proposing those amendments...

Mr. Speaker: Nobody is barred; you are equally allowed to forward your amendments if you have any.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I don't know why Hon. Hentry is worried. If you look at page 11 of the report all issues have been raised but when you walk through this Supplementary Budget you will find that there is a lot of movement of money from one place to another and it is even exceeding the Kshs148 million that is listed here. I bear no contention and sector interrogations were based on page 11; Agriculture Kshs15 million, Gender and Culture Kshs25 million, Finance and Economic Planning Kshs15 million... but when you go to the page where Finance and Economic Planning is, we have an increment on hospitality and supplies at Kshs25 million. You go to travel expenses, KRA Kshs18 million. Where is the increment coming from?

Hon. Speaker, we were here in the last Assembly; this thing called KRA is a hot potato. In this Assembly there were officers who were going to KRA getting letters with a KRA letterhead and

saying we demand for Kshs50 million and you either pay or we attach the accounts; while in real sense the demand by KRA was only Kshs5 million. I don't believe that there was a demand of Kshs18 million or Kshs100 million. This issue must be investigated. I don't know if it is right and we should not go that direction.

I am also amazed by the Budget Committee for being so...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, the membership to the Budget Committee is Honourable Members. You can punch holes in this report but not Members.

Hon. George Makari: If they have good eyesight they could have seen the anomalies in the entire report. Page 14 on Water and Natural Resources and I can tell you most of these reductions in salary are affecting almost all departments. There is a reduction on basic salaries in the department which baffles me; if there are 100 employees, there is an amount that these people must be paid as salaries. How come they reach somewhere and I witnessed this in three departments where I belong where we had reductions on basic salary. Why the reductions in departments? This clearly demonstrates that there is over-budgeting on personnel and which is wrong.

Hon. Speaker, when we were doing interrogations as Finance Committee where I am a member, the issue of Kshs24 million increment and Kshs18 million did not arise. At what stage were the same introduced to the Budget Committee? How did it come to the Budget Committee when at the interrogation level in our Committee the above issues were not considered? There are issues that the CECM, Finance can disclose to Budget Committee and leave out the mother department! Hon. Speaker, don't you think there are question marks in such scenario? Even if you don't agree; there are questions marks.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, you are out of order. You want the Speaker to be part of the Budget Committee? You are out of order. Hon. Makari just to guide you; the referee cannot be part of either of the teams. You can now proceed with your contribution.

Hon. George Makari: Obligated. What I am trying to put across is that in a natural sense of observation, how can the sector committee miss to give an input and now the input that should have been sought from the mother committee is presented to the Budget Committee? I doubt if that is correct. Even in the sector submission, we declined the issue of Kshs20 million to Kamukuywa Market and Members of the Finance Committee can attest to this. We declined appropriation of Kshs20 to Kamukuywa market with a reason that Kamukuywa Market does not fall under the towns that are earmarked for Madaraka Day celebrations. How did it arise that the Budget Committee...

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Some Members are provoking me to ask them to leave this House. You know how we appreciate contributions. This is not a fish mongering market where we heckle and shout the way you are behaving today. Have decorum Honourable Members.

Hon. George Makari: How did it arise that Kshs20 Million which the sector committee refused and the Budget Committee in its own wisdom or lack of it gave Kshs20 million to Kamukuywa Market! That is a question that we need answers for. What was the interest and urgency? This people have Kshs75 million for the construction of the market and why were we supposed to add them another Kshs20 million. Even if the President will pass there, he will see that the works are on-going. What was the rationale for adding Kshs20 million when our hospitals are in need of drugs...

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: (On a point of information) Hon. Speaker, I wish to appeal to my colleague that one thing he needs to know and understand are the Standing Orders. That Budget Committee is independent and cannot be manipulated by sector committees or any CECM. We are there to look at the interests of the county. He is talking about Kamukuywa Market which is on-going, the CECM, Finance appeared before us and told us there is a certificate of Kshs60 million and they only have Kshs40 million. As a Committee we have to listen and the market is growing so fast and it is one of the areas the President is going to visit. I wish to call upon my colleague to respect Members of Budget Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Members, I will urge that as you debate and make your contributions, consider the Standing Order which I will read to you that at any given time... while finalizing the budget, the Treasury is always given a chance for its input. Proceed, Hon. Makari. Honourable Members, we are not quarrelling, I can see the temperatures going up.

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, I don't know why the Chairperson, Budget Committee is agitated in this House...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, stick to the issues.

Hon. George Makari: The agitation shows that there is something wrong somewhere which we must address...

Mr. Speaker: The good thing is that you are friend with Hon. Wambulwa.

Hon. George Makari: I am equally his Chairperson in Health Committee; therefore, he should respect me.

(Applause)

Even if they gave me money in Health, they must also respect me as the Chairperson of the Committee on Health.

On page 22 still on Finance, an additional Kshs15 million on matters relating to verification of pending bills. There was an *Ad-hoc* Committee in this House on the verification of pending bills. Why should we again add Kshs15million for verification of pending bills Hon. Speaker? In the Committee's wisdom or lack of it; they have allocated Kshs15 million for verification of pending bills. I don't know if someone is feeling the way I am feeling. The pending bills were verified yet we are giving another Kshs15 million for the same. Where are we heading to? There is a day that is coming! As I finish, the Emergency Fund is an opaque entity whose expenditure even this House does not know...operations of the Emergency Fund are very opaque! No one knows and the PFM Act stipulates that anytime they spend from the Emergency Fund, they have to report to the House so that the House can now give them an equivalent of the amount.

I have never seen a report in this House detailing that from the Emergency Fund we spend Kshs40Million and we are coming to ask the House to give us an additional Kshs40Milion! Any member who has ever seen that? None Hon. Speaker! If there is one, maybe he is amongst the kitchen cabinet down there.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari you know we fear some terms, if we say we kitchen cabinet members... then you must be having bedroom and also dining room; so...

(Laughter)

Hon. George Makari: As I wind up Hon. Speaker, we must look at the issue of KRA. There is a problem and just to finish off, this Madaraka Day was not unforeseen and I don't know at what point the County will explain to the Auditor General that they took KShs148Million to go and spend on Madaraka Day. As much as I want us to have a very clean Madaraka Day here in Bungoma, there is a red alert in front of us. How we are going to explain that we took this money and did beautification of the town because of Madaraka Day! That is a story for another day. Otherwise Hon. Wambulwa is very worried but I support the report...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, the report ceased being the committee's report and it became the House's report. Kindly address the Chair not Hon. Wambulwa.

Hon. George Makari: So Hon. Speaker, I want to support the report and ask the Budget Committee members to be very keen next time so that we don't have such a report. Actually these are loose ends and any stupid person will point them out. Even the stupidest person in this House Hon. Speaker will point these ones out.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari...Hon. Makari, that language you must withdraw.

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, I withdraw.

(Laughter)

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Speaking after Hon. Makari with his heavy vocabularies and of course indicating that some of the members...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Hentry get away from that line of submission... we are all Honourable Members here!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am online to support the report by the Budget Committee and for the first time I wish to say that the Budget Committee has taken into consideration the recommendations by the sector committees though one chairperson was running away from it.

I remember when I was sitting in the Committee where Hon. Simotwo is the Chair; a lot of questions were raised on issues of framework contracting and mostly the money that was meant to pay pending bills that had been slashed. I am happy that the Committee has indicated very clearly in the recommendations.

On that note I want to say that we walked around this County yesterday with His Excellency the Governor looking at how we shall implement the Madaraka Day activities and there are some areas where the County is supposed to come in strongly to show that we are ready for it and therefore issues that are raised on Page 11; I will say a word on it. That we need to support the day and we can't go outside our budget. We cannot go and borrow money from Kakamega County! What is illustrated on page eight, we were actually asking questions, but when we went round, we realized that the County must come out and support Madaraka day as it appears on that page. Therefore we support but in future... you may realize that this County has been losing a lot of money in terms of penalties; in reference to dual carriageway where the contractor raised an invoice and it overstayed thus attracting interests and penalties.

In future, I want to urge the Executive that national holidays are gazzeted and so in the next budget, even if we are not hosting the national events, they should be keen on allocation for such so that when it comes up and we are talking about Supplementary Budgets, it means that we are just looking at something to top up with because that is the essence of Supplementary Budget.

I wish to say something about the Department of Public Administration where the Committee reallocated the money meant for the construction of two ward offices and the reason being, there was no land. That one goes to the officers who are in charge; that we passed this budget last year and the financial year is running to the end. You wonder how the office can stay without implementing the programmes! We came here during the 1st Supplementary Budget and there was no allocation for the same; we are coming here for the 2nd Supplementary Budget then we realize that we have no land for the same.

Remember we are almost in the 15th year of devolution because we have three terms running and you may find that this county is spending a lot of money in terms of paying rent for some of the County offices. That shows that money that is meant for projects is being wasted in terms of rent. How I wish that the Department could have even gone to the adjacent area or Ward because when you talk about Wards in Tongaren; even if they cannot take that money to Bumula, they could have looked for an alternative Ward that has land so that the money is utilized instead of saying that there is no land. You realize that the issue being handled at the national level by the Controller of Budget regarding budget absorption. If you are unable to absorb the money then it means we don't have need it. We are requesting that officers in charge of those programmes should go an extra mile and make sure that the projects are implemented on time.

Some of the issues that I wished to raise, Hon. Makari has touched on them. From where I stand, there are entities that are very serious when it comes to penalties or interest and I am not answering the members but I am saying we need to handle KRA issues seriously because those are some of the entities that eat into our budgets without knowing.

Today, if we don't consider the money that is meant for such entities, we risk having more penalties. I request that some of the areas that are indicated especially when I look at the recommendation made by the Budget Committee on the County Assembly, those are the notes that we were given by the County Assembly Service Board through the Office of the Clerk. What they require to make us run through the remaining 45 days or so and some of them are pending bills or penalties that have accrued on some of the serious entities.

Lastly, you remember that we were here when you were chairing the *Kamukunji* and most of the issues raised were welfare issues. I wish to thank the Committee on Budget that they have taken that into consideration and I am sure after this Supplementary Budget, members welfare will be taken care of because that is what we were briefed by the office of the Clerk through the Committee on Labour.

Otherwise, I support this report and in future we have to run an extra mile so that some issues that are coming ahead, we prepare on them. Like today, two people have died in my Ward, and when I look at the Supplementary Budget, I am not seeing any money meant for emergency and they have died by drowning!

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Hentry, come clear. Are you saying that death is an emergency or what are you trying to put across?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: No, but some cause of deaths like drowning is caused by lack of a bridge during heavy rainfall. Death has occurred through such occurrences and the County must be prepared to handle these cases. You remember recently when they were doing the demolitions; I am sorry to mention this but two people were holed up in the structure at Kanduyi and one of them was from my Ward. I wish to thank the Government that they have taken up the

related expenses of burying the deceased. That is why we are saying, we have to prepare for it and I have also said that is in this Supplementary Budget, we don't have money for such. In future, we have to prepare for such calamities. I support the report.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vitalis, what is your issue?

Hon. Vitalis Nganga: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Some few minutes ago I don't know if I saw a stranger enter this House; because she almost resembled Hon. Katila. I would like the Sejeant to go and confirm if she is really Hon. Katila and if she is properly dressed to be in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Katila, are you in? Let me just find out and see. What he is trying to allege is that you are not properly dressed

Hon. Maurine Wafula: I am properly dressed Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We can't tell; you walk and come to this side.

(Applause)

Honourable Members, it does not even require an explanation; she is improperly dressed. Basing on that, I ask her to leave this House. Look at the Standing Orders on the dress code of Honourable MCAs; she is not in that bracket, so she will just leave the House.

Hon. Chikati proceed...

She is not properly dressed meaning she can't be in this House for this session unless she goes and comes back properly dressed as per the Standing Orders. Other members who have not been mentioned and you are here...

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me first of all to thank the mover of the report Hon. Nangulu and also the seconder and the entire Budget Committee for the good work they did. I think these reductions affect all the departments but having gone through the report, they have not highlighted where these reductions have been taken to.

Secondly...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati, I am not getting you because I am seeing in the report, we have reductions and allocations where they have been able to put the same amount of money. So be specific which department please?

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Hon. Speaker, there is reduction almost in every department..

Mr. Speaker: Yes and equivalent re-voting of the same!

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Maybe I did not read it all but Hon. Speaker, my next concern is on page 19 whereby the Misiskhu/Brigadier road has been slashed of KShs10Million. It has been a

song wherever the Governor goes that this project has to be completed as soon as yesterday; slashing KShs10Million from that project means that it is going to take longer than the anticipated period of time. If we are not careful, we will go to the next general elections when that project has not been completed because monies are always being slashed.

Finally, for the HANSARD purposes and I tend to agree with Hon. Makari that there are anomalies on page 15 whereby... page 17 sorry, under ECDE, where they say; further the recruitment of ECDE teachers the remaining KShs.6.1Million was reallocated to boards and conferences and 3 shillings for field allowances. That has to be corrected; it is supposed to be KShs.3Million.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati, are you correcting the report of the Budget Committee?

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Hon. Speaker that is a mistake and I am correcting.

Mr. Speaker: You are correcting the report of the Committee or what are you trying to do because you know if there are anomalies in the report, even if it is computation, it is the work of the mover to respond during response.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: I just wanted the mover to take note of that.

Mr. Speaker: It is okay, Hon. Obama; so in essence you have been giving your contribution not correcting.

Hon. Abraham Waliekeke: Asante Spika. Kwanza kabisa nachukua fursa hii kupongeza Kamati ya Makadirio ya bajeti. Swala kuhusiana na sherehe za Madaraka, naambia wenzangu ya kwamba imekuja Bungoma na Bungoma ni kubwa si katika hii *town* (mji) tu.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Obama I will want you to be aware that Standing Order...you are aware where I am headed to, so just stick to one language and proceed.

Hon. Abraham Waliekeke: Asante Spika. Sasa naambia wenzangu wale wanafikiria ya kwamba pesa iliyotengwa kwa minajili ya kujenga soko la Kamukuywa... hiyo pesa najua ni kidogo sana; huo mradi unachukua karibu shilingi milioni 300 na sasa tukichukua shilingi milioni 20 peke yake kuna shida pale? Huo mradi ni wetu sisi sote watu wa Bungoma. Mimi sioni kama kuna makosa pale, hiyo pesa haijaenda kwa mfuko yangu wala haijaenda kwa mfuko ya Gavana...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Obama, nobody has accused you to have pocketed the money. Wind up please.

Hon. Abraham Waliekeke: Asante Spika. Wacha nimalizie hapo.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. I will have Hon. Ipara then Joseph Nyongesa.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you Hon. Speaker. From the outset, I wish to say I support the report but with a few observations. First of all, today you have just won my heart. For the first time, you said you are an umpire who is supposed to be impartial and actually up to this moment, you have remained impartial and I want to commend you for that.

This Supplementary is informed by two points; the first point was Madaraka Day and the second point is what is indicated on page nine. I draw your attention to page 9(2) (1) rationale for the second Supplementary Budget Estimates. We are informed that the total net reduction is Kshs437 Million and after carrying out a quick arithmetic, I found out that it is Kshs524, 851,238. I just want the mover to check on the arithmetic provided on that page. I say this because reduction and drop are reductions.

I wish to take all of us to Masinde Muliro Stadium; the initial contract amount was KShs700Million. I am saying with all the variations it was KShs700Million for a 4000 sitter. What I wish to know from the mover is what did the first contractor do with the Kshs700Million? The National Government moved in with a budget of Kshs800Million and they are doing a 15,000 sitter; so you can see the difference is KShs100Million. This is what the opposition is supposed to interrogate and prosecute.

(Laughter)

I don't know why my colleagues are laughing

Mr. Speaker: I am also keenly listening on where you are headed to.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I also want to support what Hon. Makari said; we were informed by two things. What appears on page nine and page 11 and in every interrogation that we carried out, we were informed by a letter written from the Treasury that the money that we are looking for is KShs167 Million. KShs20Million was brought in for what Hon. Obama is saying the money is not being pocketed; it was KShs167Million. This was the supplementary that was supposed to be done and among the items was KShs25Million which was to be used for beautification.

When I carried out some inquiries, I was told the beautification is supposed to be carried out from Kanduyi junction to Musikoma Junction. I then wondered; is it a golden beautification or are we going to plant grass? And if we are going to plant grass, is it costing KShs25Million?

I wish to say this, all of us are supporting the festival that is taking place in Bungoma County; the benefits are there and everybody who has eyes can see. Today we have the State Lodge, we had the privilege to walk there, we went to the airstrip and actually that could have taken us 100 years to get it done; but we are there within the shortest time possible.

Let us talk of the stadium; even though we have those disparities of KShs700Million and KShs800Million, it is an achievement for this County. What we are saying is that does it really

make sense that we spent KShs25Million on beautification just because we are saying Madaraka Day is here with us so we should not mind what we spend?

I was reminded yesterday by just an ordinary member of the public as I was walking back from town to pick my vehicle; that,

“Are you one of the MCAs of Bungoma County?”

I told him yes...

“Are you doing your oversight role?”

I told him yes... he told me, No!

I did not enquire why he told me that. I wish to draw the attention of Honourable Members on page 13 where it says other infrastructure and civil works has a reduction of Kshs1.4Million which affects the rehabilitation of Bungoma slaughterhouse. When somebody mentions slaughterhouse, what runs in my mind and heart is that this is a place which earns money for this Government of Bungoma. Why did we have to recommend reduction on this particular item because if the Public Health Officer walked into that place, what they could do is recommend its closure; where will we move to? We need to make sure that at least those areas where we get revenue we overprotect them.

On the same page, the allocation of KShs220, 800 for electricity and KShs57, 600 on water and sewerage was reduced; these are essential and mandatory utilities. If we ignore this and tomorrow electricity is disconnected and the sewer lines block, whom will we blame? Those are the omissions and I know my friend the Leader of Majority has taken consideration of these in the amendments that we were told by Hon. Makari

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, at your own level, you aren't barred from bringing in yours.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I know but we have done what is called collective responsibility, all of us cannot run towards that direction. We have one person whom we have entrusted with that responsibility and we believe he has done the right thing.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Tony, sorry, wind up please.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Before I wind up, let me bring up the issue of roads; in our discussion and the chairperson, Roads is here. We said Misikhu/Brigadier Road has taken three regimes; the first regime was for His Excellency, Ken Lusaka, the second one by His Excellency Wangamati and the third one is for His Excellency Lusaka. We have not been able to complete this road and it has just become a story. If money is reduced from this road, do we mean well for our County

and particularly for the people who reside in that particular part of the County? I would say No and I want to believe that the Leader of Majority has included this in the amendments.

Lastly, you know some people always wonder why; you know he is my friend. For the first time when I came in, he was the one who persuaded me to go and support the camp where he belongs and...

Mr. Speaker: Let us stick to the issues at hand, please.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I also wish to repeat the last one with all the respect and patience; page 17 where Hon. Chikati was talking about...

On the first paragraph, the second sentence, where it says; to boards and conferences, Kenya shillings, it is indicated three, and I want to believe that they wanted to write three million and some cents. Just kindly, for the sake of the benefit of this supplementary, kindly correct that if an omission was done. I submit.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Majority, proceed!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, allow me also to appreciate the mover of this report. He actually took time, and indeed most of the people got the message. I wish also to appreciate the members of the Budget Committee for their wisdom to also extend a hand and affect some vote heads which were not considered by the Cabinet for the betterment of this county.

I also wish to appreciate members, especially my friend Hon. Ipara. Indeed, you know, there is no committee which is so perfect, and as we were discussing, we wished to have some amendments, but by bad luck, we were caught up with time. Therefore, I could not manage, but actually we had intentions of having those amendments. As we support the report, we also want to appreciate some members of the Budget Committee on the issue of education.

When I was listening to CPA Nganga, who was saying it was wrong for the Budget Committee to remove money that was meant for ECDE teachers; I know interviews are on now. What I know and from where I sit; by July or maybe August is when maybe they will be receiving their letters. We shall be having another budget which was tabled here and which will take care of those interviews. But as for now, if that money could be left there, it will be hanging the way other monies which were meant for salaries were just hanging.

Another issue that maybe could have been done which was also oversight on our part; you know we had some support from the National Government, and it was supporting the projects in this county. It could be better for them to also disclose to this House so that we could appropriate as a House; but through this supplementary, we have not seen. In future, they should do so.

You know Hon. Makari talked about the issue of KRA and you are aware the way we are handling KRA in this Assembly; so we should also extend a hand and help the Executive on how to deal with this issue; otherwise, it will be eating into our budget for no reason. It is just an issue of compliance, and for us as an Assembly we have tried and done it.

Lastly, as I support the report. We have some grey areas which we have talked to the Chairman, Budget so that in the future, we should rectify. I have also looked at the issue of boards and conferences, especially in finance. As much as we are being fair to the Treasury, but we are being overly fair because adding Kshs15 million for boards and conferences yet we are only remaining with one month was erroneous. In future, let us be keen. I support and urge this House to support it so that at least we can move and to the fourth quarter report and see how this money was spent.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. I think those are the last contributors. Allow me to invite the mover to respond accordingly. In the meantime, we prepare to go to the Committee of the Whole House...Sorry, let me give you the microphone!

Hon. Charles Nangulu (mover to reply): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank all members who have positively contributed to this motion and that shows that the Committee did a good job.

A few things have been mentioned and I will just touch on one or two; especially on the Kshs15, 000, 000 that was mentioned by Hon. Makari, saying that the money was for the pending bills. This Kshs15, 000,000 is meant for the stakeholders' meeting towards the next budget. It covers pending bills as just a small portion, but ideally, it is the money put aside for the stakeholders' meeting and the pending bill is just part of it. So, it is not money that has just been put aside for the pending bills as put across.

Concerning the KRA, the last time we had a meeting with the CECM - Finance, there was a demand letter for Kshs450, 000,000, and so the Kshs18, 000,000 that was given is just for negotiation purposes. They will negotiate and have it done because as you know, KRA will come with a figure and it is negotiable. So the Kshs18 million is just part of what we actually gave them to allocate for the KRA and which I think is in order.

Much has been said and I still stick with Hon. Makari when he mentioned that the money that we are expecting was only Kshs148 million for this particular event and he was wondering why each and every department has been touched; moving up and down.

This money is not gotten from a separate resource envelop, it has been recorded from departments and so each department has been affected. That is why you see the changes and the reallocations so that it can meet this Kshs148 million. That it was not even easy to arrive at this amount. As you can see, this is money being donated by each and every department; so every department had to sacrifice. Roads had to sacrifice almost Kshs10 million of the Brigadier road

project because the contractor has not raised any certificates. So when they sacrifice the Kshs10 million and since we have the next budget in a month's time, money will be gotten and the work will continue.

Most of the queries that members have come up with just center around what I have mentioned; that departments have been affected so that we could come up with this amount to meet this Madaraka Day celebrations and then also attend to the KRA.

About the Kamkuywa market that has been mentioned many times, the money allocated for this particular project is Kshs272 million and by the time we were doing this supplementary, the contractor had already raised a certificate for another Kshs60 million and that is why it necessitated that we give them money so that they can continue; and as my Chair also put it, the President will be visiting the site so it will not be in order if you go to the site and the contractor is not on site because he has not been paid.

About the Emergency Fund, Hon. Makari mentioned that this money is not accounted for. As a Member of this County Assembly, you can just raise a statement and then you get a list of itemized programs that are done by this Fund, and then it will be good for the consumption of this House. It is not money that is hidden. I am sure if you do make a statement, you can do the House well so that we also know exactly what this money has been spent on and if there is a problem, and then you can raise it from that angle.

Another member mentioned about the Masinde Muliro Stadium; that they had put around Kshs700 million and the amount allocated was Kshs672 million; and what is being done as we visited the site the other day is that money is being spent by the National Government. Indeed if he is keen to know how much money we put there, you can also find out how much the National Government is spending on this program.

As it is today, we are told that they have so far spent almost Kshs2 billion on the stadium, which is a good thing and also, for him to get the exact value that has been spent on this project, we have the Committee on Youth and Sports, which should actually interrogate this and get the exact amount and what variations are there, so that we can share with the House. With that, I pray and say that this House adopts this report without any amendments.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, that is what I said from the onset; that this being a report arising out of the Committee on Budget, that we are going to go into the Committee of the Whole House. We never insist on having adoption of the same, but the House just notes the report from the Committee of the Whole House.

BILL

1. THE BUNGOMA COUNTY SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Chair, Budget?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 141(1), I move a motion that the Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024 now be read a second time and I call upon Hon. Grace Sundukwa to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Grace, you have the honour!

Honourable Grace, it is like you are just in that group of... let me not finish, but Members, when you come in, log in in advance so that we don't have these challenges. Proceed!

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Thank you, Chair. I second.

(Question proposed)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and seconded that the Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill be read for the second time.

It be read.

A Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to authorize the issue of sum of amount out of the Revenue Fund and its application towards the service for the year ending 30th June, 2024; and appropriate that sum and a sum voted on account by the County Assembly for certain public service and purposes- Second reading

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a bill having been read a second time shall stand committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

On the said occasion, we will be upstanding to collapse the sitting in the Committee of the Whole House and the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House will be the Hon. Deputy Speaker. Well, take over the sittings accordingly. You proceed!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Order for Committee Read)

[The Speaker (Hon Emmanuel Situma) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Temporary Chair (Hon Stephen Wamalwa) in the Chair]

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Chairperson: We can sit Honourable Members. This is the Committee of the Whole House and therefore the Chairpersons have been given... Well Honourable Members, we proceed straight away guided by the Standing Orders. I call upon the Clerk to now read the order of the Chairpersons appropriately.

The Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Edwin Opwora!

Hon. Edwin Opwora (Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources): Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235; I move that the sum of Kshs192, 840,847 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of the recurrent expenditure of Kshs4, 458,367 and development expenditure of Kshs188, 382,479 in the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Chairperson: Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236(3), I now propose the question that the sum of Ksh.192, 840, 847 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs4, 458,367 and development expenditure of Kshs188, 382,479 in the Department of Tourism and Environment be granted.

(Question proposed)

Now, Honourable Members, allow me put the question that the sum of Kshs192,840,847 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs4,458,367 and development expenditure of Kshs188,382,479 in the Department of Tourism and Environment be granted.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Roads and Public Works

Hon. Frankline Simotwo (Chairperson, Committee on Roads and Public Works): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs4, 800, 000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs4, 800,000 in the Department of Roads and Public Works.

Chairperson: Thank you, Hon. Korir. Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236, (3), I propose the question that the sum of Kshs4, 800,000 shillings should be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in

respect of development expenditure of Kshs4, 800,000 shillings in the Department of Roads and Public Works be granted.

(Question proposed)

There being no objection, I now, put the question that the sum of Kshs4, 800,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs4,800,000 in the Department of Roads and Public Works be granted.

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Education and Vocational Training

Chairperson: Chairperson, Hon. Benjamin Otsiula.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula (Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training):

Thank you, Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum (reduction) of Kshs19, 000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure (reduction) of Kshs20,000,000 and development expenditure increase of Kshs1,000,000 in the Department of Education and Vocational Training.

Chairperson: Honourable Members. Under Standing Order No. 236(3), I propose the question that the sum reduction of Kshs.19, 000, 000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure reduction of Kshs20, 000,000 and development expenditure of Kshs1, 000,000 shillings in the Department of Education and Vocational Training be granted.

(Question proposed)

Well, Honourable Members, allow me now put the question that the sum (reduction) of Kshs.19,000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure (reduction) of Kshs20,000,000 and development expenditure of Kshs1,000,000 in the Department of Education and Vocational Training be granted.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Health

Chairperson: Hon. George Wasike Makari!

Hon. George Makari (Chairperson, Committee on Health): Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum (reduction) of Kshs120, 000,723,404 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs4,000,000 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs124,723,404 in the Department of Health.

Chairperson: Thank you, Hon. Makari. Honourable Members, allow me propose the question under Standing Order No. 236 (3) that the sum (reduction) of Kshs120, 723,404 shillings be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs4, 000,000 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs124, 723,404 in the Department of Health be granted.

(Question proposed)

Allow me Honourable members put the question that the sum (reduction) of Kshs120,723,404 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs4,000,000 and development expenditure (reduction) of Kshs124,723,404 in the department of Health and Sanitation

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization

Chairperson: Hon. Bernard Kikechi, member from Mbakalo!

Hon. Bernard Kikechi (Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization): Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum (reduction) of Kshs27,000,000 be issued from the county exchequer accounts to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs13,000,000 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs40, 000,000 in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

Chairperson: Thank you the Hon. Kikechi.

Honourable Members, allow me propose the question understanding Order No. 236 (3) that the sum (reduction) of Kshs27, 000,000 be issued from the county exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs13, 000,000 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs40, 000,000 in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization be granted.

(Question proposed)

Now, Honourable Members, allow me put the question that the sum (reduction) of Kshs27,000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs13,000,000 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs40,000,000 in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization be granted.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning

Chairperson: Hon. Masai, is he around? Hon. Francis Chemion Masai, Member for Kaptama!

Hon. Francis Chemion (Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Urban and Physical Planning): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs27,000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs2,000,000 and development expenditure of Ksh25,000,000 in the Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning. I also move Hon. Chair under the same Standing Order No. 235 that the sum...

Chairperson: You can hold your horse Hon. Masai.

Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236 (3), I now propose the question to the House that the sum of Kshs27,000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs2,000,000 and development expenditure of Kshs25,000,000 in the Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning be granted.

(Question proposed)

Now, Honourable Members, allow me put the question that the sum of Kshs27,000,000 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs2,000,000 and development expenditure of Kshs25,000,000 in the Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning be granted.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

Directorate of Housing

Chairperson: Hon. Masai, proceed now!

Hon. Francis Chemion (Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Urban and Physical Planning): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum (reduction) of Kshs78,200,170 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs2,000,000 and development expenditure (reduction) of Kshs80,200,170 in the Directorate of Housing.

Chairperson: Thank you Hon. Masai.

Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236 (3), I propose the question to the House that the sum (reduction) of Kshs78, 200,170 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs2, 000,000 and development expenditure (reduction) of Kshs80, 200,170 in the Directorate of Housing be granted.

(Question proposed)

Honourable Members, allow me now put the question to the House that the sum reduction of Ksh 78,200,170 be issued from the county exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs2, 000,000 and development expenditure (reduction) of Kshs80, 200,170 in the Directorate of Housing be granted in the directorate of housing be granted

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Youth and Sports

Chairperson: Department of Youth and Sports, the Hon. Violet Namaemba Makhanu, proceed.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No.235, I move that the sum of Kshs60 million be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs60 million in the Department of Youth and Sports.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

Chairperson: The Honourable Orize, Member for Siboti.

Hon. Orize Kundu (Vice chairperson, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning): Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs9, 405,983 be issued from the county exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect to recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs36, 049,649 and development expenditure (reduction) of Kshs26, 643,666 in the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

County Assembly

Chairperson: The Honourable Chair of Labour, the Hon. Henry Nyongesa, Member for Bumula.

Hon. Henry Nyongesa (Chairperson Committee on Labour): Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No.235, I move that the sum of Kshs15 million be issued from the exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of the development expenditure of Kshs15 million in the County Assembly.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Public Administration

Chairperson: The Hon. Caleb Wanjala, Member for Bukembe East.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala (Vice chairperson, Committee on Public Administration): Thank you Speaker. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs8 million be issued from the County exchequer...

Chairperson: No, no, no. Honourable Member, you go to where we have Department of Public Administration. You are reading Department of... the Governor's Office.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Under Standing Order No.235, I move that the sum of reduction of Kshs7 million be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs12 million and development expenditure reduction of Kshs19 million in the Department of Public Administration.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Office of the Governor

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs8 million be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs8 million in the Office of the Governor.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Office of the County Secretary

Chairperson: Hon. Caleb Wanjala

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Speaker. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs10 million be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of the Kshs10 million in the Office of the County Secretary.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Chairperson: That brings us to the end of the Committee of the Whole House and therefore the Chair, Budget is expected to move the report. Hon. Chair, Budget?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 152 (2) I move a motion that the Bungoma County 2nd Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 now be read a third time and I call upon...

Chairperson: No, no, Hon. Chair, Hon. Chair, be guided accordingly!

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Hon. Speaker, that is a...

Chairperson: Kindly, just be guided a little.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I am sorry, Hon. Speaker. You can see what the Secretariat is taking me through. I beg to move that the Committee reports to the House its consideration for the Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024. I call upon Hon. Caleb to second.

Chairperson: Very well. Thank you, Hon. Jack. Hon. Caleb, proceed.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the report.

Chairperson: Honourable Members, I now put the question that the Committee do report to the House its consideration for the Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024.

(Question put and agreed to)

(House resumed)

[The Speaker (Hon. Emmanuel Situma) in Chair]

PROGRESS REPORTED

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 147 I ask the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House to report back the deliberations that have taken place in the Committee of the Whole House. Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, you proceed. Sorry, giving you the microphone.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me to report. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 147, I report the consideration of Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 and its consideration thereof as follows;

Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources

A sum of Kshs192, 840,847 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure of Kshs4, 458,367 and development expenditure of Kshs1, 88,382,479 in the Department of Tourism and Environment.

Department of Roads and Public Works

A sum of Kshs4, 800,000 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs4, 800,000 in the Department of Roads and Public Works.

Department of Education and Vocational Training

A sum reduction of Kshs19 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure reduction of Kshs20 million and development expenditure increase of Kshs1 million in the Department of Education and Vocational Training.

Department of Health

A sum reduction of Kshs120, 723,404 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure increase of Kshs4million and development expenditure reduction of Kshs124, 723,404 in the Department of Health.

Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization

A sum reduction of Kshs27 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure increase of Kshs13 million and development expenditure reduction of Kshs40 million in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

Department of Lands, Urban and Fiscal Planning

A sum of Kshs27 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure of Kshs2 million and development expenditure of Kshs25 million in the Department of Lands, Urban and Fiscal Planning.

Directorate of Housing

A sum reduction of Kshs78, 200,170 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurring expenditure increase of Kshs2 million and development expenditure reduction of Kshs80,200,170 in the Directorate of Housing.

Department of Youth and Sports

A sum of Kshs60 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs60 million in the Department of Youth and Sports.

County Assembly

A sum of Kshs15 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of development expenditure of Kshs15 million shillings in the County Assembly.

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

A sum of Kshs9,405,983 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure during the increase of Kshs36,049,649 and development expenditure reduction of Kshs26,643,666 in the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

Office of the Governor

A sum of Kshs8 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs8 million in the Office of the Governor.

Department of Public Administration

A sum reduction of Kshs7 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs12 million and development expenditure reduction of Kshs19 million in the Department of Public Administration.

Office of the County Secretary

A sum of Kshs10 million was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2024 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs10 million in the Office of the County Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Deputy Speaker, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House. Honourable Members, allow me to invite the Chair on the Committee of Budget to move accordingly. Hon. Jack Wambulwa, proceed please

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 148(1), I beg to move that the House does agree with the Committee in the said report. I request Hon. Meshack Museveni to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Meshack, you have been called upon to second

Hon. Meshack Museveni: Thank you Speaker. I second.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 148(1); when a Bill has been reported from a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall consider the Bill as reported

and moved accordingly by the Chair and seconded by the Chief Whip. That the House does agree with the Committee in the said report.

(Question put and agreed to)

The House does agree with the reports arising from the Committee of the Whole House accordingly.

BILL

1. THE BUNGOMA COUNTY 2ND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Yes, the Chair of Budget, you proceed again. Sorry...

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 152(2), I move a motion that the Bungoma County 2nd Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024 now be read a third time and I call upon Hon.Nangulu to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Charles Nangulu, you proceed.

Hon. Charles Nangulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

A bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to authorize the issue of sum of money out of the Revenue Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending 30th June, 2024; and to appropriate that sum under sum voted on account by the County Assembly for certain public service and purposes. (Third Reading)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the Bungoma County Second Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 having been read for a third time is now deemed to have been passed as now an appropriate Act; to be signed by the Governor as per Section 24 of the County Governments' Act accordingly.

(The Bill was read a Third Time)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, before we adjourn formally, I will ask that at your own time, you go and look at the conduct of the Honourable Members of the County Assembly within the precincts of the County Assembly; particularly on Section 5 on the dress code then ask me why did I not send away Hon. Alice Kibaba in her dress code?

Look at the dress code of the Honourable Members of either gender then assess whether your dress code is in order or not; because if it is not going to be in order, I will ask you to stay

away... or why is Hon. Tony not having a *Kaunda suit* in this House? Because he is one of the few who wear those *Kaunda suits* around the villages. Why can't he wear one and come to this House? So I will urge that the dress code is part of us. The moment we took up the name of the Honourable Members, our dressing code is in our Standing Orders on page number 229.

I will never chase you unless I am informed that you have not dressed properly. Even if you are here now and I have not been asked that you haven't dressed properly, I will never chase you. But if I am told that so and so is not dressed properly, I will ask that you come here, we look at the dress code and then the words that you are supposed to be very keen with here are.

“Members of the County Assembly are required not to enter the chamber, the lounge, or dining room without being properly dressed. This means that a male Member of the County Assembly shall be dressed in a coat, a collar, tie, long trouser, socks...

(Laughter)

...and shoes, or a service uniform, religious attire, like my brother here, Hon. Orize, or such other decent dressing, decent dressing as may be approved by the Speaker from time to time. An equivalent standard shall apply in respect of women Members of the County Assembly who may also wear Kitenge or any other African attire, but still there is a word to be approved by the Speaker from time to time.”

Look at that dress code; it is meant for all of us. Once we are out there, we are at liberty to wear whatever we want to wear; because once you are at the gate out there, I have no control... dress is your choice. It is none of my business out there.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, it brings to an end our special sitting. I must say thank you to everybody who left their work to come and be part of today's sitting; to pass this Supplementary Budget. We will adjourn this special sitting and resume our ordinary sittings as per our calendar; that is on 4th of June, 2024. Have a good week ahead.

(The House rose at 4:35 p.m.)