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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

REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025
(Continuation)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 35, on resumption of interrupted business; *any debate or business interrupted shall, on coming again before the House or the Committee be resumed at the point where it was interrupted. Any member whose speech was so interrupted shall have the right to speak on such a matter on such resumption for the remainder of the time available to him or her. But if such a member does not avail himself or herself of this right, his or her speech shall be deemed to have been concluded.*

In this situation honourable Members, Hon. Kawa is present, he will start as we resume this meeting. Hon. Kawa proceed.

Hon. Jack Kawa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was about to conclude my submission. Hon. Speaker, today in the morning we have our people living with disability. We are going to host the **BARAKOA**; that is the All-African Games in July of this year in Kenya, Hon. Speaker. I was saying that such activities are under Gender and Culture and not Youth and Sports. Hon. Speaker, I want to urge this House that as the Education Committee, we were referred to our core mandate that we are not supposed to issue bursaries to our students. I want to urge that the Youth and Sports policies the Members are talking about that we should nurture talents. Somebody like Hon. Waiti, we are not nurturing his or her talent. I urge honourable Members that in the coming financial year, let us look for ways to allocate funds in the budget.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kawa, are you alleging that there is a special talent that Hon. Waiti has that is unknown to others that is not being nurtured?

Hon. Jack Kawa: No Mr. Speaker. I meant that you cannot nurture any talent at his age.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kawa, Hon. Waiti has never complained that age is an obstacle to him.

Hon. Jack Kawa: Hon. Speaker, you are cutting me short. Let us call a spade a spade, Hon. Speaker. For example according to FIFA law I am not supposed to play above 40 years. The only thing I can go and train is either to be the match commissar or coach. Do you get my point Hon. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: That is under FIFA, but what do you mean under where he plays volleyball?

Hon. Jack Kawa: There is age limits Hon. Speaker and we should not lie to ourselves. We want to streamline things so that we work according to the law. Otherwise, I want to appreciate the Budget Committee for coming up with the supplementary budget. I support and urge Members that going forward, I have pressed a button; Gender and Culture, Youth and Sports Committees; look into it so that we avoid push and pull. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Makari?

Hon. George Makari: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I have one or two issues. First of all, when I was going through the budget yesterday evening, I was telling myself to come and move amendments. But I want to congratulate the Budget Committee because the areas that were paining us they tried to adjust and balance supplementary budget. We must congratulate them because I think they heard our cries Hon. Speaker.

The same time as this last year, when we were approaching Madaraka Day, we passed a supplementary to cater for expenses for Madaraka events. You are in this County Hon. Speaker, you have not travelled and I know you understand what happened. We allocated Kshs.25 million to the dual Carriage way for flowers. What transpired later was not palatable. Madaraka being hosted in Bungoma County we were assisting the County to have some money to pay off debtors and make our county attractive. Later on it transpired, when the rubber hit the road and everything went haywire, somebody disowned this House and said, it is the County Assembly that gave me the money. Meaning, no one requested for the Kshs.25 million for flowers but we just gave him. In other words he was saying; can you in your right mind be given money and refuse?

Hon. Speaker with that in mind, you have seen what the Budget Committee has done. This time they have been alert and refused to go with the same statement from the CECM Finance. I want to say, if they could have gone by the advice from CECM Finance, we were prepared to disband the Budget and Appropriations Committee today. So Hon. Speaker I want to say this arising from the last year's Budget Committee Hon. Speaker on supplementary. Again during interrogation of the CFSP report, the Executive indicated that the challenges they face as the Executive is as a result of week oversight by the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the Executive is unable to perform its duties properly because this House is not playing its oversight role as required. This is an abuse to your office because you are the leader of this House. Hon. Speaker, we must turn around and now begin overseeing them like we have never done before because any time we give conditions and say maybe we trying to support a cause, it comes back to us that we are not doing proper oversight. Hon. Speaker, moving forward, we have to oversight them properly.

I wind up in support of this motion. I want us to look at page14 where the Budget Committee highlighted something that I want also to point out. It says that payroll reconciliation was submitted, revealing in the annual approved budget the total personnel vote was overstated by Kshs.178.6 million. Hon. Speaker I want to thank the Budget Committee for even being keen to look at this. When we were passing the budget last this financial year in June, how did this anomaly go un-noticed? Because if you can overstate personnel emoluments in a single budget by Kshs.178 million, what does that say? It all boils down to oversight.

On the own-source revenue going forward, the supplementary budget has proposed a reduction of Kshs.7.8 million. We have put systems in place, we have the Bungoma Revenue Automated System for collection of revenue. In Health sector, we now have the Health Management System also being installed at a colossal sum of Kshs.56 million. In addition, we also have motorbikes that were launched somewhere here in Bungoma to assist revenue officers in following up on defaulter.

With all this investment in systems including even motorbikes fuelled by the County Government of Bungoma, should we be reducing own-source revenue or increasing? Hon. Speaker, there is a problem there. On page 14, the Budget Committee found out that there was a borrowing of Kshs.1 billion to pay for May and June salaries and casuals. However when the CECM Finance appeared before the Finance Committee, he said this borrowing was to pay for May and June salaries. He also said part of this Kshs.9.7 million is to pay casuals. The Budget Committee has established that even though the CECM said this money was meant for salaries for May and June, the narration to the bank shows the borrowing was done for the purpose of clearing payments to contractors before the end of the financial year. Hon. Speaker, if the narration to the bank was saying the borrowing was for paying of contractors before the end of

the financial year, are we now looking at a reduction in pending bills or still at Kshs.3.8 in pending bills? That is a question that maybe we will answer later.

Finally, on page 35 on lands department, Bungoma Municipality appears at page 36. Hon. Speaker. If you look at page 36 on pending bills in Bungoma Municipality, you find that there is a Budget, I don't know if it's an anomaly or it's justified. That the committee has made a reduction of Kshs.60 million and reallocated to payment of pending bills under Bungoma Municipality. When you go to the table for decreases and increases, Bungoma Municipality reads nil but in the narration it is available for Municipality of Bungoma.

Hon. Speaker, you must be maybe aware that Bungoma and Kimilili Municipalities for the financial year 2023/2024, all our CEF money was taken to Municipalities. So these two Municipalities the contractors did the works but no one was paid. Our monies were taken from the Roads Department and put under Municipality and every other department. In that financial year, no money for Municipalities was paid. We expected pending bills in Kimilili and Bungoma. For Bungoma the money has been allocated when you go through the narration but in the decreases and increases column, there is no provision. Perhaps, the Chairperson during his response should highlight on this for clarity.

There are a few areas where we have proposed increases for salary which has been declined by the committee. If you look at the department of Trade, it is declined but in Finance department there is nothing mentioned in this regard. Again when you go to the table on increase and reduction, you find that there are decreases. I don't know if there was an anomaly in the reporting. It is not affecting only Finance department. There are various departments that you find that the increases in salary were not narrated as being declined or approved, or they remained the same. When you go to the other table, you find that there are decreases or increases. This should also be clarified during response. Hon. Speaker, I support the report and urge other Members to support. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Job?

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. First, let me begin by lauding the Budget Committee. Hon. Speaker, for sure I can tell you that we were sitting on a timely bomb when this supplementary was presented for interrogation in our committees. We have been walking around the town and even those people who know nothing about the supplementary budget, you will see them asking about the anomalies in the supplementary budget.

Secondly, there was a lot of misinformation that this House had passed the supplementary budget, minus considering the pending bills. Somebody was sitting somewhere and setting us up.

He creates an anomaly and then he wants to set this House up for grabs out there. Hon. Speaker, that makes me in a very special way thank this committee under the chairmanship of the lion in the House, Hon. Wambulwa for exemplary work.

I rise on two issues. One is about the increment on salaries. Whoever sat in his chair and came up with the increment in salaries and you see tried to persuade this House to pass those increments in salaries, it informs this House that there is a problem somewhere. As a matter of urgency, this House should do an independent audit of the payroll being used by this County. If worse goes to the worse, we should go ahead and do a head count now as Assembly. If the law allows us to do that to come up with a proper report on the issue of salaries in this County? That informs us that there are lots of fishy things that are done on the payroll. That is why somebody would sit down and imagine he can increase the salaries in all departments and send them to us to approve, Hon. Speaker. It is important that this has been flagged out by the Budget Committee and it's necessary that as a House we dig further into this issue.

Hon. Speaker my second issue which I want to address and thank the Budget Committee, is on Kshs.150 million which was borrowed from the retention account. I'm happy that the Budget Committee has seen something in that and they did not approve the recovery of the Kshs.150 million. Going forward as much as the Budget Committee has given a way forward that we allocate this money during the main budget for recovery back to the retention account, it should be done in that local way. I believe this money if it was borrowed was used on something specific, before we appropriate the said amount in the main budget, let them present to this House all the documentation needed on how this Kshs.150 million was spent by the Treasury. Somebody be held accountable for the loss of Kshs.150 million, if they don't provide proper evidence on how this Kshs.150 million was utilized.

Otherwise, it is a good report and the necessary actions by the Budget Committee have given us an impetus to argue from an informed point of view. The last supplementary in the last financial year during Madaraka that we approved as a House put us at war with the members of the public. I want to appreciate the Budget Committee and the leadership of this House specifically on this supplementary budget which has given us back our image. Whoever goes around spoiling our names, will go to hide. Going forward, I request the Budget Committee and the leadership of this House that this is the way to go. When something is bad, it is bad and when it's good, it's good. When we team up, we are able to put this County on the roadmap of development. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I support the report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Hentry Nyongesa?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In the first place I want to applaud the mover of the motion and the entire committee on Budget and Appropriations. This document as

other Members have said has gone into history, because for the first time, the County Government of Bungoma is doing the 1st supplementary budget at the tail of the financial year. One of the issues I want the mover of the motion to respond to is under Agriculture. We must appreciate that vulnerable groups have received farm inputs but the mover should clarify on the allocation meant for transportation of the farm inputs across the county. Why the allocation when the farm inputs have already been supplied to the intended groups? Hon. Speaker, I have seen the Kshs.4m requested for transportation. I agree on the Kshs.3 million allocated as facilitation for committees.

I also ask for an explanation on page 19. There is the reduction Kshs.13 million from approved allocation of Kshs.43 million for other civil works, initially the amount was meant for Bungoma Referral Hospital. I don't know if it was a misplacement because they are bringing issues of Health in Agriculture, Hon. Speaker. I wish that this part should be lifted to a relevant department because they are talking about infrastructure, civil works, initially meant for equipping BCRH, Bumula, and Sirisia. I think the mover will clarify.

On the same Hon. Speaker, there is a request for the pending bill on page 19, under the ward-based projects. I wish they could have come up with a list of the projects that this allocation for pending bills is going to settle. This is important unlike approving a block figure which can easily be diverted to other issues. Mr. Speaker, there is a reduction on provision incinerators in our medical facilities yet when you go to BCRH, we have a serious problem on waste management. We need these incinerators in our facilities to manage the medical waste. I don't know if the Chairperson of Health Committee is comfortable with this reduction?

In the department of Water and Sanitation, there is reduction on the recurrent expenditure which I agree with of Kshs.16, 646,337. Importantly, they should mention the deduction is targeting which vote heads to enable us understand because they are only talking about salaries.

Under Gender and Culture Hon. Speaker, they have removed almost entire allocation meant for people living with disabilities leaving on a mere Kshs.820, 017. For Women Empowerment Fund, they have removed the entire amount Hon. Speaker. Under the current dispensation in this county, we must look at all sectors including affirmative action when you are preparing budgets. I think the mover of the motion should explain to enable us understand what occasioned the reductions.

On the Office of the Deputy Governor on page 24, they are talking about the Kenya Development Support Program under the Office of the Deputy Governor, but when you go down, it's like the money being appropriated here Mr. Speaker, is going to support Bumula Health Centre for sewage line.

I don't know if it was misplacement, if so then it is supposed to be realigned. Because I know that residents Bumula require that sewage line for the new facility. My only concern is that it is appearing under the Deputy Governor's Office. On the same, I want to plead to this House that the 300 bed capacity building at BCRH that was constructed commissioned by His Excellency, the President is yet to be operationalized. Same to 80 bed capacity in Bumula and 100 bed capacity in Sirisia. Looking at this supplementary budget, it appears they have only set aside funds to equip the facility BCRH and left our Bumula and Sirisia. During reply, I will require the mover to explain why there is no funding for Bumula and Sirisia. There is need to make these facilities operationalize to reduce on unnecessary referrals to BCRH occasioned by lack of inpatient facilities. Mr. Speaker, when we equip these facilities in Bumula and Sirisia it will reduce congestion at BCRH where patients are sharing beds.

Hon. Speaker, I want to finish by looking at the Department of Youth. The department require Kshs. 3,773,830 to finance its operations. This committee allocated Kshs.16 million towards pending bills submitted to complete the Sub county stadia and youth centres. Hon. Speaker, I want to be put into picture on what is going on in these Sub county facilities to justify the allocation.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Budget Committee for allocating money for promotions in most departments. Sadly as I laud them, they have removed money for operations from the County Public Service Board. I wonder how they will sit and look at how to promote these officers without an allocation in terms of boards and conferences. This means that they have to sit somewhere away from office to approve those promotions.

Lastly, we have an ongoing project in terms of an administration block yet the Budget Committee has removed the allocation. Mr. Speaker, I need your protection from Hon. Jack.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members consult in low tones please. Hon. Hentry proceed.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: I am winding up Hon. Speaker. I want to plead that the money...

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, just for clarity, we are not in any hurry; we have up to 11 p.m., so if Hon. Kawa is tired, shouting time...

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Hon. Speaker, I was just requesting that the project is ongoing, the contractor is not on site because of non-payment. I wish that that project should be facilitated fully, so that it is completed on time. Hon. Speaker, the mover of the motion should consider and reallocate Kshs.4 million for development in that department. As I support Mr. Speaker, if allowed, I will move an amendment at the right time.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Nyongesa, you are late. Amendments must be in writing and sent to the Speaker two hours before the sitting.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Hon. Speaker those were my observations. I support.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Allan?

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I want to start by appreciating the Budget Committee for coming up with this very important document. Hon. Speaker this document is very well prepared, I can say so. It is clear and simple to follow and to be understood Hon. Speaker. I appreciate them for that. Two Hon. Speaker, I also want to applaud the Budget Committee for dimming it fit to decline to approve the Kshs.454 million that was meant for personnel vote and moved it to cater for the pending bills. Hon. Speaker that is commendable.

Hon. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of this House way back to last year around October, November there. These House passed very important policies Hon. Speaker under the Department of Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports and among those policies, Hon. Speaker, we had the gender mainstreaming policy, we had the disability policy, we had the youth and sports policy and I don't remember the fifth one; I think it was women policy.

Hon. Speaker having those five policies in place, they were meant to help the people living with disability in this County. Hon. Speaker, youths and women of this County. There should be no reason at all as to why we should deny money to the women of this County and the youths and the people living with disability. However, looking at the budget under Gender and Culture, you will realize money meant for women of this County has been removed. Money that was meant for the disabled has totally been removed. This financial year, there was no allocation for the youths, but in the previous years, the excuse has been there were no policies therefore we could not allocate money for them. Currently the policies are in place. Hon. Speaker, going forward, I urge that we emulate other counties like Kakamega which is doing well on matters women and the youth. Another example is Makueni County which is doing so well in those two categories of people in their County.

As a County, for the last two or three years, we have done nothing towards the youth and women of this County. I want to thank the committee, for seeing it fit to increase allocation towards the Department of Youth and Sports with regards to completion of stadia and the High Altitude Centre. It is important they have done that so that we can clear the issue of the stadia so that going forward, in the next financial year, the money we have been directing to stadia and high altitude is directed to other projects that are beneficial to other issues beneficial to the youth and women of this County. Remember that not all the youth or all women are in matters sports. We have many other issues that are supposed to help the youth and women.

Hon. Jack talked about the issue of the EALASCA games. As a committee we also acted on it. We were not comfortable for that money to be brought to our department since when the games were happening, we were not involved. For payment, the money was brought to the Youth and

Sports department. Listening to the department we were convinced that now that we are have the sports policy in place which has also been referred to by the Budget Committee as a basis to move the money to this department. Hon. Speaker, remember in this County, we only have one directorate for sports domiciled in the Department of Youth and Sports. He is answerable to the Chief Officer, Youth and Sports not Chief Officer, Gender and Culture. So it is in order for money meant for KICOSCA and EALASCA to be under this department going forward.

Hon. Speaker, still under the same department; this caught my eye; the entire allocation on water, sewerage, telephone, mobile, maintenance, and all those issues was removed in totality. I am left to wonder how the department is supposed to run. Is it possible for the department to run minus these important utilities for the remaining period of the financial year? During response time, the mover should make us understand how the department is expected to run minus these important utilities.

Lastly, under the Finance and Economic Planning Department, I realized this is a department that is having higher increment on most of the activities. I realized most current activities in this department almost all of them were having an increases apart from salary. I am left to wonder how special this department is. On development under this department, we have an item on emergency fund which was Kshs.100 million. It has an increment. What exactly does this department do when on emergency issues? How is it different from the special program department Hon. Speaker? I really want to understand because issues to do with emergency should be under the special program. Right now we have a special program department under the Office of the Governor and also emergency fund under Finance Department with huge allocations. Therefore, when the mover responds, let her kindly help me understand more about these two issues. I'm in agreement with the committee especially on its recommendations. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, our Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Speaker. First allow me appreciate the mover of this report, who is Hon. Grace Sundukwa and for the first time she did it well. I also want to appreciate the Chairperson who really opened up this report for us to see the need of this supplementary. We also appreciate the Budget team for their time, because it wasn't easy. The Chairperson said that they have never handled such a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker, the only thing that I'm learning from the Secretariat of Budget Committee are really following their report. How I wish that secretariats of other sector committees, when may be their reports are being read in this House they should also be here to listen to Members contributions.

As we deliberate this report, there are a few issues that we want to outline. First, as an Assembly, we need to work on realistic figures, especially the issue of own source revenue. It seems we are

exaggerating our projections leading to some programs being dropped because we did not achieve our targets. Though the County has the potential, we lack the staffs maybe to make a follow-up and ensure that we have enough revenue. I think the Chairperson, Finance Committee, should take note, so that in the future they must put strategies to improve on own source revenue collection aware that we have passed policies meant to enhance revenue collection. I wish that they take it up to ensure that those revenue enhancement policies that we approved in this House are working.

Mr. Speaker, it's also an eye-opener that this Assembly approved KShs.178 million on salaries, which was maybe for ghost workers. As we handle the coming fiscal strategy paper, I think we should be keen because it seems like in the past year, we over-budgeted salaries. Mr. Speaker, as much as we may blame the CECM - Finance for commenting that there is weak oversight, indeed it may be weak. Because we have not been keen on this issue of the payroll. I don't know if it's prudent for us as an Assembly to request for the payroll for Bungoma County Executive now that the County Treasury is reluctant to give us. The monthly salary requests can help us counter check with available records on the validity of funds we are appropriating towards salaries in the Executive.

Recommendation on verification of pending bills; now that we have set aside money for pending bills, which is more than KShs.200 million; and the recommendation is saying that pending approval and verification. I don't know what measures we shall use to ensure they pay genuine pending bills minus verification because up to now the pending bills have not been verified. As much as we have set aside money for our local contractors, I'm worried.

There is the issue in Agriculture; the issue of transport; that the department requested for KShs.12 million, but the committee gave them KShs.4 million without backing notes. I don't know if there was a contract for transportation of fertilizers to the farmers in our wards or what is the basis for this allocation Mr. Speaker?

There is an issue in Health on the pending bills related to non-pharms. What I know is currently there is what we call spending at the source. Every hospital in this County especially Bungoma Referral and Webuye among others collect revenue and spend at source. I don't understand how these pending bills came about now that we are going to pay Kshs.10 Million. When the mover will be replying, I want her to clarify so that we are aware of what we are doing.

Lastly, I appreciate because every co-funding has been taken care of. Therefore, I urge the sector committee chairpersons to be proactive and do follow ups on the co-funding programmes to ensure that what we are approving is utilized. I am saying this for the case of KOICA where because of delays the allocation was not expended. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the committee for the good work done which we support.

The only critical issue is that in future, we should remain keen especially on salary increments which is not justified during supplementary budgets. We thank God the Budget Committee was keen and in fact they read the mood of the Members of this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to add my voice on this motion.

First of all, I want to thank the Committee on Budget and Appropriations for working tirelessly for several days to come up with this report. As I thank them, there are a few things I want the honourable Members, especially the elected Members, now that the deadline to propose amends has elapsed. Hon. Speaker, previously there has been a provision for Farm Input Support Program to our vulnerable families in our Wards. There has been a supplier contracted to deliver these farm inputs to the headquarters of our respective wards. As we deliberate on this motion there are some Members who are complaining because the farm inputs are yet to be delivered in their wards. This delay has been occasioned by the move by the Department not to contract a supplier they are getting the farm inputs from the National Cereal Board. That the farm inputs are attached to the Chief Officer of Agriculture who will receive all the bags of fertilizer in one store at the National Cereal Board of Bungoma. Being a head quarter of the County, there should be now transportation from that store to various Wards at an estimated transportation cost of Kshs. 12 million.

Before that, in our previous years, the Department changed the mode of distribution from a supplier, and they said they were going to use a framework contract whereby they split the payment of the previous year into two resulting to a pending bill of Kshs.116 Million which was deducted upfront on the allocation of this financial year.

Hon. Speaker, the Kshs.12 million, as my Leader of Majority has rightly put, was considered in two ways. One and the honourable Members here can attest, that they have supplied maize seeds and planting fertilizer and are yet to supply top dressing fertilizer and which will require fuel to transport to the respective headquarters of our Wards. Honourable Members should note that as we conclude this budgetary process, there will come a time when we shall require the transportation of top dressing fertilizer to our headquarters.

Second, Hon. Speaker, this great County of Bungoma is subdivided into 45 Wards and each Ward has a 10-member committee of agriculture which assists the department in coming up with the beneficiaries of the farm inputs and at the end of every exercise, they are paid KShs.10,000 each. In total they are 450 members and when you multiply by 10,000 it will come to Kshs.4.5 million. In our budget, the committee has provided KShs.3 million only. I don't know how the department will work out the arithmetic to pay these members. I want fellow Members to take note of this. Otherwise, I thank the committee for working tirelessly to come up with this report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Hon. Speaker, Sir, let me begin by lauding Hon. Grace. This is the second time I have seen Hon. Grace standing in this House. I wish to also thank the seconder of the motion and the committee for having a listening ear to the voiceless.

The reason we are doing the supplementary is only for three things; Supplementary must, the word is 'must' be brought to this House for purposes of review, debate, amend, and approve. So anything that the committee has done on behalf of this House is within the law and you should not be worried about anything. We are doing this to adjust available funds for the right priorities that we have. That is what has persuaded me to stand in this House to support this particular motion on the following reasons;

When you gained courage and decided to remove in the supplementary budget the item which was for Kshs470Million, the second one was for KShs.225 million, and the one that was itching each one of us, the KShs.150 million which was borrowed and no one was able to present an expenditure list. With that, I was persuaded to support the report.

The other thing that made me to agree to support this particular motion is when they considered the word-based fund projects and consideration of a request from the Department of Education. The other issue is on the provisioning funds for fuel in the Department of Roads and lastly the allocation for purchase of land in our respective wards for public use. I'm being reminded by Hon. Sudi, the other thing Honorable Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, is it your contribution or Hon. Sudi's contribution? Because if it's his, then I will have to give him a chance. Make your contribution please.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: No, it is mine. I'm speaking mine and maybe Hon. Speaker, you should also stop Hon. Sudi from interjecting.

Mr. Speaker: I haven't heard, unless you have your own sign language.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. There's also Masinde Muliro where we are in partnership with the National Government and the decision of the Budget Committee to provide for money so that we do away with a portion of the County Government will do a good service for us. Nobody will hide under Masinde Muliro stadium to say that there's a pending bill for the County Government. Let's do away with it so that we can negate those whose intention is to misuse, misappropriate the scarce resources we have as a county.

I should not forget Misikhu/Brigidier that has become the chorus and the song that every one of us knows. Brigidier Road has been there for about 10 years and this committee deciding to provide over KShs.250 million to complete and do away with it is the right thing.

The other thing that I was also worried is we spend a lot of money constructing Bungoma maternity hospital but failed on one aspect on equipping. The decision of the committee to have

provision of over Kshs.30 million shillings for equipping is the right decision they made and they have my support today. Hon. Speaker, I support this motion in totality.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara, we will have Hon. Cornelius then have Hon. Stephen Wamalwa then Hon. James Barasa in that order.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity to contribute to this report. First, I would like to congratulate the mover Hon. Sundukwa for moving this report and the entire Budget Committee. Hon. Speaker, there are some areas that I have some observations on;

I will start with sports department. It has been spoken here many times and even my earlier colleagues have spoken about Masinde Muliro. As rightly put by Hon. Makari, we allocated Kshs.60 million for that stadium but the money was diverted and today, we are allocating KShs.72Million. We want to do away with that stadium once and for all, but I don't know what we are going to do to put a caveat on this money so that it goes to the intended purpose, so that it's not diverted again, so that we finish this stadium phase one and we do other things.

As you have heard, Honourable Speaker, this is the only department that has no any allocation whatsoever even for bills of utilities. They don't have. Even for operations they don't have and in that report, the department is required to collect KShs.3.7 million for its operations. This is the only department that has been told, go and collect money to finance your operations. I suppose maybe for the collection we are talking about the facilities like Masinde Muliro which is not yet complete and even Chemoge. I want during the reply to be made to understand where the department is going to collect this money from and if they collect; they are going to use which method, which rating to charge? And are they going to use at their source? As they collect, they use to operate.

This is the only department that I feel, Honourable Speaker, the workers are just going to be idle with no single activity. Even the little money, about KShs.4.3 million that was supposed to go to Marathon, it has been removed. So this is the only department that is going to be idle since we have only put their money for development of infrastructure but no allocation to develop sports and talent and that is where I have an issue with it. Hon. Allan talked about policies but policies are in place. This department just needs to be financed.

About roads, I want to thank the committee for increasing the framework contracts from KShs.36Million to KShs.86Million which is an increment of KShs.50Million. I thank them very much for that.

When we come to the Department of Lands, in the report there is a place where it has been reduced by KShs.2 million for registration of land documents. We have bought so many lands in this county which do not have documents. The report says it has reduced by KShs.2 million yet it

does not tell us how much was allocated for the registration of lands. Maybe during reply, I would like to know that.

About Housing, again we have seen a reduction in construction of the governor's and deputy governor's residences, which is okay but about the county office block, Honourable Speaker, there is an allocation of KShs.19 Million. To me, I thought maybe it should not have gotten any allocation because before even that office block began or they commenced, the contractor was paid KShs.50Million then again at the foundation stage, he was paid another KShs.50 million and that is adding up to KShs.100Million and yet nothing is happening to that office block then we are again allocating KShs.19Million. That is my concern there.

When we come to municipalities, there is this Kanduyi Bus Park and the market which falls in my Ward and is the only and the first one. I am happy there is an allocation of KShs.120Million, plus the previous which was KShs.25Million adding up to KShs.145 million. But again, 60Million is going to pay for pending bills. I heard the chairman of Budget saying the KShs.120 Million is intact but when I did my math from the report, the balance is KShs.85Million so about the KShs.120Million, I did not get that explanation very well, Honorable Speaker.

The same bus park, I expected the report to be like the one that we have been given about Kamukuywa market where the contract sum has been indicated and even the balance, with the Kanduyi Bus Park. It is not even mentioned. We don't know the exact contract amount. I don't know if this amount they have allocated covers even the variation. As you know in this county, any flagship project has variations. The Kanduyi Bus Park, already as we speak, there is a variation so I don't know if this money is covering all the variations. I'm happy they have talked about variations very well in their observations but now the recommendation, to me, I feel it's not enough because like the Kanduyi Bus Park, you cannot say you are putting up a bus park minus entrance and exit roads. Now the variation is coming up with those roads and I wonder how? How do you say it's a bus park without roads? They sound like the one for Masinde Muliro and we used to ask them how do you call it a stadium then later on, you come up with a variation with some components that makes a stadium. So we have to be keen with these variations.

Now, still with the Municipality of Bungoma, the KShs.60Million we have been told will go for paying pending bills as Hon. Makari said. For us who fall under municipalities, our projects were never paid. But when you come to Kimilili, there is nothing that is mentioned. It has development money of about KShs.52Million but it's not indicating how much is going to pay for pending bills.

Those are my observations. I support the report. It is a balanced budget and it's a win-win situation. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Barasa, you are online here you have requested.

Hon. James Barasa: You had directed that I would speak after Hon. Stephen, but let me take charge.

Mr. Speaker: No, it's Hon. James Barasa then Hon. Stephen Wamalwa.

Hon. James Barasa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. From the onset, I want also to laud the Budget and Appropriation Committee and in particular, my sister, Hon. Grace Sundukwa who has just presented this report in the morning in this House which was seconded by Hon. Jack Wambulwa. For the House to note Hon. Speaker, we need to do some comparisons. We had the first supplementary budget last financial year, which was presented in this Hon. House and I have compared with this first supplementary budget for this financial year and I have learned a lot. If this is the spirit of this House, Hon. Speaker, we are going to achieve. We haven't lost anything, but we are going to achieve.

One of the speakers said we need to give realistic targets of revenue enhancement and I totally agree. We need to do so, because by so doing, it will be easy for us now to service the budget which will be presented in the House.

I needed to inform the House that a supplementary budget can't do everything; it only takes care of the areas where maybe we forgot. Maybe there is something that might have cropped up necessitating dropping of some projects to enhance or fund enhances those areas.

Otherwise the County is looking at us as a House to represent the people. There are some projects whether you like it or not they will only take place in my Ward or in my Sub County but not in any other Ward or Sub County. What we need to do is we need to enhance this issue of Ward based projects, that is the only equalizer and I have seen as a House we have woken up and we will do so.

This issue of flagship projects and the variation is coming up now and then and is doing us a disservice. Some of us are not even sleeping; we are having sleepless nights. Because Hon. Speaker, year in, year out, we have been yearning that the Masinde Muliro Stadium be completed but when we allocate funds, they are not utilized for the intended purpose. It is a wake-up call to even the Executive and we mean it. This time we are serious; we are not going to leave any cent to get lost. We are going to appropriate funds and they need to implement. We should not hear stories again when we will be doing our main budget that I need this money to complete this project. Whoever will come up with such a proposal, then he is not fit to work for this County Government of Bungoma, Hon. Speaker and this should serve as a wake-up call to the Governor.

Hon. Speaker, when we say so, we are not doing any malice to the Governor instead we are advising him because he said he wants to leave a legacy when he leaves office and we are supporting him. Looking at the supplementary budget, we have taken care of the proposed projects he intended to accomplish when he's in office. My brothers from Mount Elgon, even the

lower part, the upper part, the sides of Bumula, when we do a project in Mt. Elgon, let's have a positive attitude about it. When we do a project in Bumula, let's also have a positive attitude about it, because we belong to one county. This issue of rushing to say flagship project in my Ward is not good. You know in Chwele Ward, I have an advantage, KISIP projects are there, which you can't put in Bokoli, the area represented by my brother Hon. Jack Kawa, because there is no land Matope there. That is what I mean which should not be construed to demean your area Hon. Jack.

Otherwise, looking at the report, it is well balanced and going forward Members, we must enhance development allocations. This issue of recurrent, let people now sit in office and implement our projects. This issue of traveling up and down must come to an end. In the subsequent budget, anybody who will be proposing an increment on recurrent, get prepared, because we will take all the amount of money to development. That is our common call Hon. Speaker.

This morning, I listened to Radio Sulwe, our local station Hon. Wamunyinyi was there and he was really complaining that we have left our hospital. It is our headquarter; we don't have any other headquarter, let's complete it, let it be operational so that the people of Bungoma can enjoy the services provided.

As I sit down, I do so by supporting the report and for the Members who wish to amend, it is unfortunate. We want this report be approved without any amendment, so that we teach some good lesson somewhere. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Wamwalwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity also to contribute. I want to laud the Committee of Budget for the work they did. First I want to make it clear that honourable Members, as we are aware, this is supplementary budget may not capture all the aspirations and desires as we may wish. I am sure that this supplementary budget must have been informed, it was informed by desire and there was an intent for the supplementary budget. I want to believe that supplementary is actually to address the deficiencies caused by either absorption or deficiencies maybe due to other factors unforeseen and therefore with your permission, I want to actually laud the committee for the work that they did. It was enormous.

A lot has been said and I'll not belabor much. The Committee on Budget made recommendations and how I wish that Members we look at these recommendations keenly. In my own understanding, and in summary, I may say that recommendation number one is actually talking about issues revenue and that is own revenue. As we are aware, that is another problem that we are having in this county and I want to support what the Hon. Leader of Majority said that we have a realistic projection. That what we collect is actually what we base on and in the event that we have a surplus then we come back in this House for re-appropriation so that we can address the issue of pending bills.

This committee has said well and I wish that these recommendations can go to the executive and they look at them, because they are well-thought recommendations. They are saying that the County Treasury should establish a revenue enhancement task force to develop innovative approaches to boost local revenue collection, including improved enforcement mechanisms and exploration of untapped revenue streams that will go a long way in improving our revenue and it translates into addressing the issues of pending bills.

Hon. Speaker, they go ahead and say the county treasury should collect the outstanding CESS arrears lost through...; they have mentioned West Kenya; and we know well that West Kenya had an MOU, especially on issues of roads in Tongaren and Hon. Speaker, it's true that the MOU...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker, you weren't around in the morning; there is a motion that is going to cover those areas. So you are preempting a debate that is going to be discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee on the issue of CESS collection. Where you may be a star witness with the Hon. Chikati because you were in that meeting of crafting that MOU, so you'll be called as witnesses. Prepare your briefs.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Hon. Speaker, I will be summoning my lawyer, who happens to be yourself, so that you can help me in drafting this.

Mr. Speaker: Members, I declared that basically I'm available as a friend of the committee to share what I know so I cannot be his lawyer in that brief. I will be conflicted.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, we have Lawyers in the House, I may...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Otsiula is a member of that committee, leave him out.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Hon. Speaker, it must have been a conspiracy that when I was missing, some things went on. Hon. Speaker, I proceed. Recommendation number one is actually addressing the issue of revenue and more specifically, the issue of own-source revenue and as I said it will go a long way in addressing this pertinent issue of pending bills.

This committee again made a recommendation, number two which is talking about another sensitive issue on retention. Although they have given the timelines on the same. Despite being a supplementary budget, the recommendations herein can even support the future budgets; that is; the annual budget and others.

Hon. Speaker, for the House to note also that recommendation number seven and number three. Number three is talking about the issue of salaries and that's where the issue of Kshs.470Million was mentioned. It comes as an issue that the County must be aware of and as an oversight entity, I think this is touching on the payrolls and I don't know which mechanism this House can have

so that we can also be able to access and analyse so that as we budget and give monies to these departments, we are aware of how they are going to address the issues of payment of salaries.

Members, the committee is talking about operations and maintenance should be funded by our own source revenue. That is a wonderful recommendation and I want to laud the Budget Committee because this will ensure that the monies that we get from the exchequer are directed towards development. It will be ring-fenced to ensure that we address the issue of pending bills.

As I finish on recommendation nine on pending bills; honourable Members we have to follow up on this recommendation not only by the Committee on Implementation but also sector committees. The committee has also observed and made a good recommendation on bursaries and scholarships.

Lastly, the committee made an important observation and recommendation. I think in their wisdom they felt we need a closure on this issue. We cannot just run away when we have been issuing bursaries and scholarships to schools in our own county. Some of them are victims of this issue and the schools principals should be informed by the county government that the program has since stopped so that we can have a proper closure on the same. I support this report and commend the work done by the Committee on Budget. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply. Equally I beseech the chairpersons and the vice chairpersons of committees who are moving in and out to be available during supply at the next stage of the Whole House. We will have a situation where the chairperson and the vice chairperson are all out and we need to have the supply done. If you know you are in a committee where your chairperson has walked out, kindly text him to come back. Hon. Grace you now give your reply.

Hon. Grace Sundukwa (Mover to reply): Thank you, Speaker. I am requesting for some water.

Mr. Speaker: The sergeant you failed, aware that water is life.

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Thank you, Speaker for giving me a chance to reply on the motion. First, I want to thank all Members who have contributed. This supplementary budget came in because of the CARA 2024 which affected our budget hence many reductions in this first supplementary budget are occasioned by a reduction in our resource envelope.

Our main work was to realign some projects in the departments and also to see what a priority is and what we can factor maybe in the new financial year. I will start on the issue of Bumula and

Sirisia Hospitals. Dropping allocation for Bumula and Sirisia Hospital was a departmental submission due to reduced allocation. As Budget Committee, we agreed that we concentrate on BCRH then during the next financial year, we go back to Bumula and Sirisia Hospitals. Therefore, this financial year we are closing up on BCRH.

On the issue of KDSP it is under Public Administration not the Office of the Deputy Governor as indicated by Hon. Hentry. We had a balance brought forward of Kshs. 6.7 million under KDSP. Remember Bumula sub-county maternity was funded by the same KDSP. Hence, we recommended that the balance brought forward is allocated to construct the sewer line system so that the maternity wing is operationalized.

On the issue raised Hon. Kawa about stalled projects like Bokoli Theatre and milk processing plant in Webuye, we have noted this and we will follow up with departments during processing of the budget for the new fiscal year to ensure they are prioritized.

On the issue of Gender and Youth; I have noted the concern and we shall escalate to the Governor to give direction on the management and operations of the concerned specifically on who should be responsible for organization and funding of KICOSCA and EALASCA games.

On the issue of women fund and disability fund; in our main budget we allocated Kshs. 5 million each but the problem is not the budget committee. The department had no regulation to operationalize the same fund. As Budget Committee requested the department and the sector committee to move with speed and ensure the regulations are put in place before the next financial year. If the regulations are in place, we will allocate funds aware that they are going to be utilized. Given the current situation as a committee, we are reluctant to allocate funds knowing that it will not be spent yet we have stalled projects that require to be funded for completion and operationalization.

On the issue of Masinde Muliro Stadium, we have allocated funds to clear the pending bills for the first phase. This is the issue raised by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu, Member for Khalaba.

Mr. Speaker, the department of Youth is not under budgeted. The department should be active and to do its work. The policy is in place and Masinde Muliro Stadium will be operationalized among other stadia across the county and we expect revenue to be generated by the department. Therefore Members of Youth and Sports Committee should make sure that the department is active without blaming the Budget Committee.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius as she stands here, she is standing as a Member of Budget Committee. The issue of being a Member of Youth and Sports committee and Gender will come after she is done after the reply. Proceed Hon. Grace. She is a Member before she becomes a vice chairperson. Proceed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: County Public Service Board are paid salaries to do promotions. The proposal to allocate funds for promotions means the exercise was done awaiting allocation. People should not be paid per diem to do their work because we already have staffs who are employed to do promotions. So we cannot pay our staff and also provide money for promotions. What will we be doing?

Then the reduction of Kshs. 13 million on other infrastructure and civil works under Health is for equipping hospital not in agriculture. We have allocated money for pending bills across departments. It is not the mandate of the Budget Committee to dictate the pending bills that should be paid. As we adopt this report, I request that we do an immediate meeting with all CECM across departments and the MCAs for us to confirm our pending bills to be given first priority.

Mr. Speaker, we allocated funds for completion of most multi-year projects like Brigadier-Misikhu Road. We also have Masinde Muliro Stadium, High Altitude Centre in Mount Elgon. By doing so, in the next budget we will focus on payment of pending bills and other priority areas of development.

Lastly, I want to urge all the Members of this House to be careful and keen during budget interrogations. Don't overburden the Budget committee. We normally do our work basing on your recommendations. You should be keen during interrogations to help us as a committee come up with good recommendations.

(Applause)

I urge the House to adopt the report. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Members as I spoke earlier in the morning, this report by Budget Committee is not meant to be adopted. At this point we are only noting the report.

Having taken note of the Budget Committee report we are now moving to the Committee of the Whole House pursuant to Standing Order number 233. We will collapse into Committee of the Whole House but before that, we will have second reading of the next item on the Order Paper.

Bills

The Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill Financial Year 2024-2025

Mr. Speaker: Chairperson, Budget Committee proceed.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order no. 141, I move a motion that the Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill Financial Year 2024-2025 be now read for the second time. I call upon Hon. Caleb to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Caleb proceed and do the necessary.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second that the bill be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members under Standing Order number 141, a motion has been made that the bill which is Bungoma County First Supplementary Budget Appropriation Bill, Financial Year 2024-2025 now be read for the second time.

A BILL FOR AN ACT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF A SUM OF MONEY OUT OF THE REVENUE FUND AND ITS APPLICATION TOWARDS THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2025 AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM AND A SUM VOTED ON ACCOUNT BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR A CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE AND PURPOSE. **Second Reading.**

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members a Bill having been read a second time it stands committed to a Committee of the Whole House. Honourable Members to that extent we all rise and collapse into the Committee of the Whole House to allow the chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House to take over the sittings of the House.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa) in the Chair]

Chairperson: Honourable Members you are welcome to the Committee of the Whole under Standing Order 145. Therefore we shall start straight away so that we are done with the same. The clerk we proceed.

Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperative Development

Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu: Thank you, Chairperson. Hon. Chair, under Standing Order no. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs 119,973,655 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurring expenditure decrease of Kshs 11,120,601.

Chairperson: Order members, let's be orderly, kindly.

Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu: And development expenditure increase of Kshs 131,094,257 in Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Tourism and Environment

Chairperson: Tourism and Environment, the Hon. Cheseto, Member for Cheptais.

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you, Honourable Chair. Under Standing Order no. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs 399,430,478 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs 16,317,109 and development expenditure increase of Kshs 383,113,369 in the Department of Tourism and Environment.

Chairperson: Thank you Hon. Chemorion Cheseto, Member for Cheptais.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Water and Natural resources

Chairperson: Hon. Chemorion

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Honourable Chair, under Standing Order no. 235 I move that the sum of Kshs 12,560,494 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of kshs 3,775,121 and development expenditure increase of Kshs 8,785,373 in the Department of Water and Natural Resources.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Chairperson: Honourable Members kindly let us be attentive. Let us participate. I am saying this because I want Hon. Okasida to be attentive, Hon. Masai, Hon. Mukhongo and Hon. Jackson Ouma Wambuluwa. We proceed.

Department of Roads and Public Works

Chairperson: the Hon. Kimeta Polycarp Wandabusi Member for West Nalondo.

Hon. Polycarp Kimeta: Thank you, Chair. Under Standing Order Number 235, I move that the sum of Kshs. 422,088,214 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure to increase Kshs 1,741,260 development expenditure to increase of Kshs 420,346,954 in the Department of Roads and Public Works.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Chairperson: Hon. Kimeta, you should have been there. We proceed, Honourable Members.

Department of Education and Vocational Training

Chairperson: Department of Education and Vocational Training, the Hon. Benjamin Jeremiah Otsiula, Member for Khasoko. Yes, you have been so busy. You are being overworked by the two Honourable Members.

(Laughter)

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Chair, for your protection. Indeed, I am being overworked by the two Senior Members. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs 47,971,531 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30 June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs 85,573,252 and development expenditure increase of Kshs 133,544,783 in the Department of Education and Vocational Training.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Health

Chairperson: The Hon. Job Mukoyandali, Member for West Bukusu.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Thank you, Chair. Under Standing Order Number 235 I move that the sum decrease of kshs 373,965,378 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30 June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of kshs 478,601,029 and development expenditure increase of kshs 104,725,651 in the Department of Health. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization

Chairperson: Who are the members of that committee? The Hon. Mukhanya Wekesa, Member for Ndivisi.

Hon. Alfred Mukhanya: Thank you, Honourable Chair. Under Standing Order Number 235, I move that the sum of Kshs 250,766,023 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet expenditure during the year ending 30 June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure

decrease of Kshs 10,670,910 and the development expenditure increase of Kshs 261,436,933 in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Directorate of Housing

Chairperson: The Hon. Okasida Ipara-Johnstone, Member for Tongaren/ Kiminini

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honourable Chair Under Standing Order Number 235, I move that the sum of Kshs 34,276,497 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30 June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs 367,801 and the development expenditure increase of Kshs 33,908,696 in the Directorate of Housing.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Bungoma municipality

Chairperson: Hon. Okasida Ipara Johnston

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Hon. Chair, under Standing Order 235, I move that a sum of kshs.117, 472, 344 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs.27, 656. I repeat, a sum of kshs. 27,656.I am waiting for the authority to give direction.

Chairperson: Proceed Hon. Member, You are in order!

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Do we assume it is millions?

Chairperson: No, you are in order.

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Thank you. Expenditure decrease of Kshs. 27,656 and Development expenditure increase of Kshs.117, 500, 000 in the Bungoma municipality. I submit!

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Gender and Culture

Chairperson: Hon. Alfred Wekesa Mukhanya, Member for Ndivisi!

Hon. Alfred Mukhanya: Thank you Chair. Honorable Chair, under Standing Order 235, I move that the sum decrease of kshs. 7,070,155 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs.9, 135, 468 and development expenditure decrease of Kshs. 16,205,623 in the department of Gender and Culture.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Youths and Sports

Chairperson: Hon. Allan Herald Nyongesa, specially elected Member!

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: Thank you Chair. On behalf of my Chair, under Standing Order 235, I move that the sum of kshs.125, 081,194 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs. 8,384,424 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 126,696,770 in the department of Youths and Sports.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

County Assembly

Chairperson: Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, Member for Bumula!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Hon. Chair. I stand under Standing Order 234, I move that a sum of Kshs. 2,079,987 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of....

Chairperson: Order members, whip, is there any problem? Please let us be orderly so that we can hear. Whip them in!

(Laughter)

Honorable Members, let us be orderly. Hon. Hentry proceed!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Chair. I can repeat.

Chairperson: Just repeat!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Chair, I can repeat!

Chairperson: Yes repeat!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Under Standing Order 235, I move that the sum of kshs. 2,079,987, be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs. 54,375,237 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 56, 455,224 in the County Assembly. Thank you Chair.

Chairperson: Thank you so much Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, member for Bumula.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

Chairperson: The department of Finance and Economic Planning. Hon. Mukhongo Barasa has delegated the same to Hon. Zakayo Kawa of Bokoli ward.

Chairperson: Proceed!

Hon. Jack Kawa: Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order 235, I move that the sum of Kshs.85, 100, 721, be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs.34,118,432 and Development expenditure increase of Kshs.50, 883,289 in the department of Finance and Economic Planning.

Chairperson: Thank you Hon. Zakayo Jack Kawa, member for Bokoli, Member for Finance.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

Department of Public Administration

Chairperson: The department of Public Administration. Hon. Caleb Wanjala, member for Bukembe East!

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order 235, I move that the Sum of Kshs.236, 776, 261 be issued from the County exchequer amount to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of kshs. 217,425,667 and Development expenditure increase of Kshs.19, 250,594 in the department of Public Administration.

Chairperson: Thank you Hon. Caleb Wanjala, member for Bukembe East and Vice Chair Public Administration

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

Honorable Members, that was the last department we were dealing with and therefore I call upon the Chair – Budget, Hon. Jackson Ouma Wambulwa, Member for Kimaeti.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Budget): Hon. Chairperson, pursuant to Standing Order 145(6), I beg to move that the committee do report to the House its consideration of the Bungoma County Supplementary Appropriation Bill FY 2024/2025. I call upon Hon. Nangulu to second.

Chairperson: Hon. Charles Nangulu, Member for Namwala from Sirisia Constituency, Vice Chair - Budget and Appropriations committee, Proceed!

Hon. Charles Nangulu: Thank you Chair. I rise to second.

Chairperson: Thank you Hon Charles Nangulu. Honorable Members, allow me now put the question;

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it. Let's wait for the Speaker to walk in.

(Mr. Speaker, Hon. Emmanuel Situma resumes his seat)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 147, I ask the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House to report the findings of the Committee of the Whole House.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you Honorable Speaker. Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 147, I report the consideration of the Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2025 and its consideration thereof as follows;

The department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operatives Development.

In the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development, a sum of Kshs. 119,973,655 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs. 11,120,601 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 131,094,257 in the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operatives Development.

Department of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources Kshs.399,430,478 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of 16,317,109 and development expenditure increase of 383,113,369 in the department of Tourism and Environment.

Department of Water and Natural Resources

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Water and Natural Resources, a sum of Kshs.12,560,494 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of 3,775,121 and development expenditure increase of 8,785,373 in the department of Water and Natural Resources.

Department of Roads and Public Works

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Roads and Public Works, a sum of Kshs. 422,088,214 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of kshs 1,741,260 in development expenditure increase of Kshs. 420,346,965 in the department of Roads and Public Works.

Department of Education and Vocational Training.

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Education and Vocational Training, a sum of Kshs. 47,971,531 was granted and issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of kshs. 85,573,252 and development expenditure increase of Kshs.133, 544, 783 in the department of Education and Vocational Training.

Department of Health

Hon. Speaker, in the department of health, a sum decrease of 373,965 378 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of 478,691,029 and development expenditure increase of 104,725,651 in the department of Health.

Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization sum of Kshs. 250,766,023 was granted and issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of kshs.10, 670, 910 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 261,436,933 in the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

Directorate of Housing

Hon. Speaker, in the directorate of Housing, a sum of Kshs. 34,376,497 was granted and issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs. 367,801, and development expenditure increase of kshs.33, 908,696 in the directorate of Housing.

Bungoma Municipality

Hon. Speaker,

In the Bungoma municipality, a sum of Kshs. 117,472,344 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs.27, 656 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 117,500,000 in Bungoma municipality.

Department of Gender and Culture

Hon. Speaker,

In the department of Gender and Culture, a sum reduction of Kshs. 7,070,155 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs. 9,135,468 and development expenditure decrease of Kshs.16, 205, 623 in the department of Gender and Culture

Department of Youth and Sports.

Hon. Speaker,

In the department of Youths and Sports, a sum of Kshs. 135,081,194 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs.8,384,424 and development expenditure increase of Kshs.126,696,770 in the department of Youths and Sports.

County Assembly

Hon. Speaker, in the County Assembly, a sum of Kshs. 2,079,987, was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure decrease of Kshs. 54,375,237 and development expenditure increase of Kshs. 56, 455,224 in the County Assembly.

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Finance and Economic Planning a sum of Kshs.85,001,721,was granted and issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs.34,118,432 and Development expenditure increase of Kshs. 50,883,289 in the department of Finance and Economic Planning.

Department of Public Administration

Hon. Speaker, in the department of Public Administration, a sum of Kshs. 236, 676,261 was granted and issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure increase of Kshs. 217,425,667 and Development expenditure increase of Kshs. 19,250,594 in the department of Public Administration.

I move.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House. I call upon the Chairperson of Budget Committee to confirm if what has been read by the Chair of the Whole House is basically what was agreed on during the Committee of the Whole House and you equally call your seconder.

Hon. Jack Kawa (Chairperson, Budget): Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order number 152(2) I move a motion that the Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill Financial Year 2024/2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable, we are at 148 (1) before we go to 152.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I propose that the House does agree with the committee in the said report. I put the question that the House does not agree with the committee in the said report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Wambulwa you are putting a question. That is the work of the Speaker! You propose a motion, get a seconder, I will do the rest.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I beg to move that the House does agree with the committee in the said report. I request Hon. Caleb to second!

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Caleb, you do the necessary?

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

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, in compliance with Standing Order 148, a motion having been moved and seconded that this House does agree with the committees finding in the said report.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it. The House has agreed with the findings arising from the Committee of the Whole House. Next item.

BILLS

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack, you can now come back under Standing Order 152

Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Budget): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 152(2), I move a motion that the Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill FY 2024/2025 be now read the third time. I call upon Hon. Grace Sundukwa to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Grace, you have been called upon to second the motion. I am trying to get your...

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Thank you Chair. I second the motion!

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 152(2) on the third reading of the bill, a motion has been moved and seconded that the Bill, Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill be read for the third time.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

Now the Bill be read for Third Time as per the Standing Orders.

A BILL OF AN ACT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF A SUM OF MONEY OUT OF THE REVENUE FUND AND ITS APPLICATION TOWARDS THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 2025 AND TO APPROPRIATE A SUM VOTED ON ACCOUNT BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR A CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE AND PURPOSES - **Third reading**

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, Bungoma County First Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the Financial Year 2024/2025 having been read for the third time, it is now deemed passed by this House.

Subsequently, the provisions of Section 24 of the County Government Act come to play. The Speaker shall within 14 days forward the Bill passed by the County Assembly to the Governor for accent as per the law. Relevant officers to prepare the Bill, to have the same signed by the Chairperson, Budget Committee and the relevant officers, the Speaker and the Clerk for forwarding for accenting. We want to be very keen on this issue. The Assembly would prepare and have them taken to the Government printers for gazettlement. We have had challenges where we approve the Budget here and...

(Applause)

...the contents are changed between Bungoma and Nairobi. On this issue, we will be very keen. We do not require any escort to Nairobi to gazette that bill or the budget. It will be done by the Assembly. The Executive will be given a copy after gazettlement. We do not want anybody to escort our officers...

(Applause)

...because what has been happening, you pass here a budget and they gazette something else from what you passed. I think the Clerks at the Table who are here, take note of that. We have enough funds to facilitate officers to do that work because you know what has been happening Members. We pass a budget here then what is taken to Nairobi for gazettlement is something else because of your own weak oversight.

Honorable Members, I take this chance to appreciate every Honorable Member who has sat here since 9.00 to take part in this historic moment of passing our First Supplementary Budget. Thank you for your patience and consistency in following up this budget.

ADJOURNMENT

To that extent Members, allow me adjourn the sitting today and resume tomorrow Thursday 10th April, 2025 in our normal sitting at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 5:26 p.m.