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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

PAPERS

A REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FUND FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

Mr. Speaker: Chair, Finance and Economic Planning

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi (Chairperson, Finance): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I rise to table the report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the disbursement schedule to the County Assembly Fund for the Financial Year 2025/ 2026

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the report by the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for the consideration of the disbursement schedule to the County Assembly Fund for the Year 2025/2026 ha been tabled by the committee and formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

A REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

Mr. Speaker: Chair, you proceed and issue a notice.

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Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi (Chairperson, Finance): Thank you, Hon. Speaker Sir. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on consideration of the disbursement schedule to the County Assembly Fund for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, a notice has been duly issued that this House adopts the report of the sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the disbursement schedule to the County Assembly Fund for the year 2025/2026. I urge the table clerks to share this report, the same is coming up tomorrow as a motion for approval to allow the flow of funds to the County Assembly from the County Revenue Account accordingly.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The member for Tongaren ward Hon. Johnston Ipara Okasida to get a response from the Chairperson, sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning regarding the First Supplementary budget FY 2025/2026 and pending bills.

Mr. Speaker: We are expecting a response. Yes Chair, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Ipara you are present.

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi (Chairperson, Finance): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, I want to respond to the question by Hon. Okasida on the progress report of the statement raised.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning hereby submits its progress report on a statement sought by Hon. Okasida Ipara, Member of County Assembly for Tongaren ward regarding the questionable budgetary allocation arising from the alleged alteration of First Supplementary Budget Financial Year 2025/2026 as well as the status of pending bills settled since the commencement of Financial Year 2025/2026.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The committee requested for a response from the department of Finance and Economic Planning through the Office of the Clerk on 3rd March, 2026 vide a letter of reference. The reply was received and subsequently forwarded to the owner of the statement. The County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning appeared before the committee on 12th

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March, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. and submitted that on pending bills, a verification report had been deliberated upon by the cabinet during which concerns were raised and pending bill verification report was returned to the respective departments for validation.

The committee should not conclude on the matter since the pending bills verification report had not been officially submitted to the County Assembly.

The committee scheduled for another meeting on 31st March, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. However, the CECM requested for rescheduling of the meeting to a later date vide a letter reference dated.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The committee therefore requests for another 14 days to enable it conclude on the matter and provide a comprehensive report to this Honorable House. I beg to report. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, have you heard the response!

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Hon. Speaker, I have heard the response that is the correct position of what we agreed in their meeting.

Mr. Speaker: Yes Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the owner of the statement agreed, but we, as the owners of this House; because I am looking at it from the 3rd of March 2026, and today is the 1st of April; they are again requesting for 14 more days from now, considering the weight of the matter.

I do not know what to say, but let us also reflect on this. You know, we should be valuing time. Using almost two months to respond to one statement; surely, it is better for the committee to tell us that the department is actually incompetent rather than buying time while waiting with no response.

So, as much as we are saying we want to work smart and ensure that we get it right, let us also value time. On this matter, 14 extra days on top of a full month is too much.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, just a clarification on one issue before I give it to Ipara because...

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. Since the CEC had indicated that we shall have a conversation soon, I still request that you grant us 14 days, bearing in mind that we also have a very busy schedule next week. However, we shall come up with a

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comprehensive report; if not, then we shall have to invoke your powers so that he can be summoned to the House.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Wambulwa.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for allowing me to comment on the status of the Finance Department. Honourable Speaker, this is a weighty issue that we have been waiting for. It is not only for Hon. Ipara, but it cuts across all the 45 wards in the county, Honourable Speaker.

Why should the Department of Finance take over two months to respond on the same? Moreover, Honourable Speaker, you are aware we have several pending statements before us that have not been responded to. For how long are we going to continue postponing a matter that is weighty, a matter that can address the issues affecting the common *mwananchi* in this county? Honourable Speaker, I want to appeal to you that, using your powers, if possible, they be given three days so that by Tuesday they should respond to this. Otherwise, Honourable Speaker, we are headed nowhere.

They should know that you are there and that you are in charge. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Milliah Masungu.

Hon. Milliah Masungu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Hon. Jack is exactly in my mind. We have been frustrated, Honourable Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: Confirm that he is in your mind and you are in his mind.

(Laughter)

Hon. Milliah Masungu: You know, Honourable Speaker, I was going to make the same statement.

Mr. Speaker: It is understood.

Hon. Milliah Masungu: The Finance Department has really frustrated us, Honourable Speaker.

I am a member of the Finance Committee, and most of the time when we invite them to come before the committee, they have always played around with us; either one comes, another misses, and so on. So I want to support my Chair that our frustrations should be brought back to this House, but they should be given less than seven days to come to this House so that we can

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handle them. Those people have frustrated us every time we invite them, so Speaker, please, with your powers, can you save us? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Shortly, we will see it. Hon. Sudi.

Hon. Isiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, Hon. Milliah has said what I wanted to say, Speaker. She is also in my mind.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: For you, I will not be able to add you there, because now how can two people be in one person's mind? Proceed.

Hon. Isiah Sudi: We are reading from the same page. Speaker, if you keenly heard what the progress report was all about, actually the delay in the response is from the department. The CECM has kept on changing dates every time she is invited. So, Honourable Speaker, let us settle this issue before we go to Mombasa for the Legislative Summit. Let us settle it, Speaker. Using your powers, we should invite them here or find any other way so that this statement is settled. We are just playing a cat-and-mouse game in this. If you heard how the progress report was, the real problem is the Executive, and if you are waiting for the statement, I do not think it will ever come.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, you had spoken... you know, you did concur with it, and you cannot change the goalposts on the same issue.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I just want to say something...

Mr. Speaker: But you already spoke.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I said that I agree with the statement...

Mr. Speaker: You know what the Standing Orders say—you cannot contribute twice on the same matter.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Kindly, with your permission, I just want to be clear.

Mr. Speaker: You cannot change your mind after speaking about it.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I am not changing my mind.

Mr. Speaker: So what do you want to add? I give you the mic.

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Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Sir. If you look at the statement, the critical issue was item number (a), and the department decided to rush to item number (c), particularly where they gave details. What we are saying is that we wanted a simple comparison between the two, and that is why I disagreed with the committee and agreed that we should reschedule this meeting so that they come with the right documentation.

But yesterday, I received communication very early in the morning that the CECM would not appear and that they were going to reschedule the meeting. That is the communication I had, and I thought that yesterday we were going to settle this matter. I had also prepared for that particular meeting with all the details that are required, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So, to assist you and assist the Chair, wherever he is, come what may, we must have a response next Thursday. Whether it will allow the Finance Committee to sit during session hours... no, I am giving a ruling. You are late, you are late. You could have been like Hon. Polycarp, but I knew he was having that challenge, so you could have done so earlier.

Members, the first item was very simple: was the budget that was approved ever changed or not? Chair, on Wednesday next week, I allow the committee to miss this sitting and engage the CECM in our boardrooms here, and on Thursday you must give us a report. Otherwise, I will issue consequences, including barring her from appearing here until the session ends in 2027.

I think I am assisting the Chair. Next Thursday, we must have feedback. If it is not sufficient, she is going to come here.

The Clerks-At-the-Table should prepare summons. Chair, prepare a meeting for next week, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. She must appear with the Chief Officer and be able to respond to these issues.

Number two, the issue of pending bills: my staff and their staff have harmonized the report by removing what was paid and adding what has accrued from 1st July up to now, so they cannot take us in circles. I think I am assisting the Chair; next Thursday, we must have feedback. If it is not sufficient, she is going to come here.

We also receive invitations to travel within this country, but we do not go because of our core mandate of being here. When you were approving her, she said she would come before you any time you required her; not attend meetings in Nairobi instead. That is my position.

Next week, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., the Committee on Finance is allowed to miss this sitting and engage her in the boardroom, then on Thursday, feedback must be given before this House.

(Laughter)

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Not alone, because I have seen some very new behaviour: people we vet here promise before the committee that they will come to the Assembly, yet now they are not even appearing on the premises. So I am seeing a very strange way of doing things. I will be chasing everybody as long as they behave that way, using my Rule 20. Rule 20 allows me to exclude you from these sittings, so you do not have to worry about it.

Let us go to the next item.

MOTION

REPORT OF THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR RELATIONS, MEMBER SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

Mr. Speaker: Vice Chair Labour, let me give you the microphone.

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Thank you Speaker, the quorum is overflowing. Thank you Speaker, I am here to move a report...

(Loud consultation)

Mr. Speaker: Even using your naked eyes, can't you see the quorum is overflowing? Let me confirm for you; Chair Hon. Hentry is present, Hon. Catherine is present, Hon. Luseneka present, Hon. Caleb Wanjala present, Hon. Nganga, present, Hon Polycarp present, Hon. Mukhwana is sick, Hon. Francis Chemion present, Hon. Metrine Nangalama is absent, Hon. Anyango is away with my permission, Hon. Linda away with my permission, Hon. Kibaba present, Hon. Ndasaba is present, Hon. Sheillah is away on my permission.

Now even if you are using whichever glasses, can't you see? Proceed.

(Laughter)

(Applause)

I have discovered the glasses Sudi uses with Chikati has problems. Let us proceed

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: A report by the committee on Labour Relations, Members Services and Facilities on quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025

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CHAPTER ONE

Preamble

It is my duty to present the report by the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. The Financial Statements was tabled 9th September, 2025 in the County Assembly of Bungoma and stood committed to all Sectoral Committees for their interrogation, input and recommendation through a report to this Honorable House.

Committee Mandate

The Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities is constituted pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 217 of the County Assembly of Bungoma.

Committee Membership

The following Members constituted the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities Committee as at the time of reporting;

1. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa Chairperson
2. Hon. Catherine Kituyi Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka
4. Hon. Caleb Wanjala
5. Hon. Everton Nganga
6. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta
7. Hon. Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana
8. Hon. Francis Chemion
9. Hon. Metrine Nangalama
10. Hon. Everlyne Anyango
11. Hon. Linda Kharakha
12. Hon. Alice Kibaba
13. Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba.
14. Hon. Sheila Sifuma
15. Hon. Aggrey Bosire

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Acknowledgment

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to analyze, interrogate and come up with the report on the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. The Committee would also like to appreciate the secretariat attached to the committee for its commitment and support. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to your office and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for logistical support received as it discharged its mandate.

It is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities, to table the report on the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Signed.....Date.....

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa

MCA. Bumula Ward.

Chairperson, Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities.

CHAPTER TWO

KEY HIGHLIGHTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The total budget for County Public Service Board for the financial year 2024/25 was Kshs. 56,312,846 as per the approved annual budget comprising of Kshs. 44,556,698 Recurrent budget and Kshs. 11,756,148 Development budget.

EXPENDITURE

The recurrent budget with the allocation of Kshs. 44,556,698 had an expenditure of Kshs. 32,655,550 representing 73% absorption rate. The expenditure relates to the following votes:

- Personnel emolument (Basic salary and employer contributions to pension) with an allocation of Kshs. 10,670,069 had an absorption rate of 100%.
- Communication supplies services with an allocation of Kshs. 403,625 had an expenditure of Kshs. 186,724 relating to 46%. This was paid to Safaricom Plc for provision of internet services.

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- Domestic Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 11,511,341 had an expenditure of Kshs. 7,212,870 translating to 63%. The expenditure includes Kshs. 1,500,000 as facilitation to carry out authentication of academic and professional documents, Kshs. 415,140 paid as a pending bill to African Touch Safaris Ltd and Kshs. 273,084 to Blue Chip Aviation for air transportation services
- Advertising services with an allocation of Kshs. 1,072,354 had an expenditure of Kshs. 455,606 translating to 42% of the allocation. This includes Kshs. 183,280 paid to Nation Media for advertisement charges
- Training expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 2,552,601 had an expenditure of Kshs. 2,454,569 (96%). This included facilitation to two officers to attend training at KSG Mombasa, and payment of tuition fee to KSG.
- Hospitality with an allocation of Kshs. 10,852,609 had an expenditure of Kshs. 7,752,652 representing 71% absorption. These include payment of hotel catering charges, facilitation to Board meetings, facilitation for data capture, facilitation for preparation of Annual report among other activities.
- Specialized materials supplies meant for purchase of uniform for staff with an allocation of Kshs. 420,000 had NIL expenditure.
- Office and General Supplies Services with an allocation of Kshs. 1,470,360 had an expenditure of KShs. 877,235 translating to an absorption of 60%
- Fuel oil and lubricants with an allocation of Kshs. 1,513,043 had 100% expenditure. This was paid to Shreeji Ltd for provision of fuel (*Annexed*).
- Other operating expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 1,940,800 had an expenditure of Kshs. 507,022 (26%). This was paid to Amani, Wekesa & Associates Advocates as legal fees for cases handled relating to employment of casuals.
- Routine maintenance of motor vehicle with an allocation of Kshs. 574,011 had an expenditure of Kshs. 128,560 representing 22% absorption rate.
- Routine maintenance of other assets with an allocation of Kshs. 262,603 had NIL expenditure
- Purchase of office furniture with an allocation of Kshs. 1,305,400 had an expenditure of Kshs. 825,000
- Pending bills for Committees boards and conferences with an allocation of Kshs. 270,485 had an expenditure of Kshs. 72,200 which translates to 22% absorption.

BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMS AND SUB-PROGRAMS

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Development

The development vote whose only allocation was Kshs. 11,756,148 for construction of the Service Board's office block had 100% expenditure.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable at the beginning of the financial year amounted to Kshs. 18,715,934 of which Kshs. 6,959,786 was recurrent while Kshs. 11,756,148 was development and relates to the construction of the Board's office building. Amount settled in the course of the financial year was Kshs. 15,461,310 where Kshs. 3,705,162 was recurrent while the entire development pending bill was settled. With these expenditures, the balance at the end of financial year was Kshs. 3,254,624 all relating to the recurrent vote.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

The County Public Service Board had no outstanding accounts receivables during the period under review. The outstanding imprest register was provided (*Annexed*).

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

REVENUE

The total budget for County Assembly for the financial year 2024/25 was Kshs. 1,359,030,420 as per the approved first supplementary budget comprising of a total of Kshs. 1,112,575,196 Recurrent budget and Kshs. 246,455,224 Development budget representing 81.9%.

EXPENDITURE

The total transfer from CRF by 30th June 2025 was Kshs. 1,233,030,611 comprising of Kshs. 1,105,271,652 recurrent and Kshs. 127,758,959 relating to development.

The actual expenditures were Kshs. 1,233,014,066 which includes Kshs. 1,105,256,621 recurrent and Kshs. 127,757,445 developments. From the receipts, the expenditure amounted to 91% budget absorption.

BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMS

Under Recurrent, the allocation of Kshs. 1,112,575,196 had an expenditure of Kshs. 1,105,256,621 (92%) on the following votes:

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- Compensation to employees and Hon. Members with an allocation of Kshs. 494,193,830 had an expenditure of Kshs. 492,146,910. The absorption represents 99.9% of the salary vote.
- Utilities, supplies and services with an allocation of Kshs. 3,370,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 3,122,578 translating to 84% absorption rate.
- Communication supplies services with an allocation of Kshs. 6,997,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 4,860,979 representing 69% absorption rate.
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 163,284,797 had an expenditure of Kshs. 162,932,996 translating to 99%.
- Foreign Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 30,656,576 had an expenditure of Kshs. 25,861,968 (84%). Relating to, participation in EALASCA in Uganda, attendance of East African Law Society Construction Law Conference in Rwanda, Attendance of Master class Committee Meeting in Singapore, Attendance at the 1st Africa Health Summit in Ghana, and Attendance of Corporate Leadership for effective Governance for board members of county Assemblies in Tanzania.
- Printing and Advertising services with an allocation of Kshs. 10,018,619 had an expenditure of Kshs. 6,036,644 (60%)
- Training expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 42,608,285 had an expenditure of Kshs. 36,105,915 (85%) being payments for tuition fees and facilitation of Officers and Hon Members to Kenya School of Government, and Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training.
- Hospitality with an allocation of Kshs. 55,792,420 had an expenditure of Kshs. 44,217,832 representing 79% absorption rate.
- Insurance costs with an allocation of Kshs. 44,803,781 had an expenditure of Kshs. 44,367,323 (99%) which relates to Medical Cover insurance, General Insurance and Motor vehicle insurance.
- Specialized materials with an allocation of Kshs. 6,974,872 had an expenditure of Kshs. 5,952,522 representing 85% absorption rate.
- Office general supplies with an allocation of Kshs. 12,300,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 7,418,170 relating to 60%

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- Fuel oil and lubricants with an allocation of Kshs. 5,700,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 5,027,170 relating to 88% absorption rate.
- Other operating expenses had an expenditure of Kshs. 123,540,021 broken down as below
 - Bank charges- Kshs. 1,548,503
 - Contracted guards and cleaning services Kshs. 13,591,286
 - Management fees Kshs. 66,256,050 (for management committees, departmental activities and CASB)
 - Contracted Professional services Kshs. 2,142,288 for consultancy services on Quality Management System.
 - Contracted professional Kshs. 3,654,000 for consultancy services on Impact assessment for the Construction of debating chambers.
 - Ward office expenses Kshs. 30,426,957.
- Routine maintenance of vehicles and other transport equipment with an allocation of Kshs. 7,045,831 had an expenditure of Kshs. 6,208,058 translating to 88% absorption rate.
- Routine maintenance of other assets with an allocation of Kshs. 7,134,323 had an expenditure of Kshs. 3,185,716 which represented 45% absorption rate.
- Acquisition of PPE (Plant, Property and Equipment) which includes purchase of Office furniture and ICT equipment with a cumulative allocation of Kshs. 18,176,305 had an expenditure of Kshs. 17,736,764 representing 98% absorption of the vote.

On Development, the allocation of Kshs. 246,455,224 had an expenditure of Kshs. 127,757,445 representing 51.8% absorption rate which was for the construction of the debating chambers, speaker's residence, waiting bay and gate house, renovation works to the old chamber (roofing and ceiling), renovation of the new administration block (canopy and internal alterations), renovation works to the old chamber of the County Assembly (paint works).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

As at June, 30th 2025, the trade payables amounted to Kshs. 16,282,957 broken down as follows;

- a. Trade payables – Kshs. 15,547,789 (monies due to suppliers, contractors and CAF subscriptions)

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- b. Employee and Hon. Member payables – Kshs. 2,618,632 (imprest claimed and not yet paid) *These were claims by staff and members which arose as a result of invitations from external institutions such as National Treasury, CRA, CAF*
- c. Other payables (tax arrears) – 13,019,999 (withholding income tax etc.)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

County Assembly had cleared all outstanding imprests by 30th June, 2025.

CHAPTER THREE

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Committee's Observations

The Committee made the following observations.

1. The construction of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) office block as at 30th June, 2025 was at 30% completion despite the settlement of development pending bills.
2. During the review period, it was noted that neither the County Assembly Service Board nor the County Public Service Board had any outstanding imprests. The Boards therefore, demonstrated financial discipline by clearing all outstanding imprests within the period.
3. The County Assembly had not subscribed to CAF after the Senate's recommendation and the court declaring the subscription an illegality.
4. There was an allocation, Kshs. 270,485 towards pending bills for the CPSB during the period under review. However, a directive was issued from the Treasury to clear pending bills from the budget lines within the entity. The CPSB therefore made cuts on several votes raising Kshs. 3,705,162 to partially settle recurrent pending bills.
5. It was observed that, both CPSB and CASB recorded under-absorption in some budget lines e.g., communication, advertising, and routine maintenance during the period under review. This was occasioned by *implementation delays from procurement procedures, prolonged capital project approvals, late disbursements from the National Treasury, and Supplementary budget approval delays by the County Assembly.*

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Committee's Recommendations

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. **THAT**, The CPSB should fast-track completion of CPSB Office Block. The County Treasury should prioritize disbursement and monitoring of funds to ensure the CPSB office block is completed within the next financial year.
2. **THAT**, in view of the cleared imprests during the period under review, both the CASB and CPSB should maintain the same level of financial discipline by ensuring that future imprests are utilized strictly for their intended purposes and surrendered within the stipulated time.
3. **THAT**, the County Treasury should ensure that future directives to clear pending bills are accompanied by adequate budgetary provision to avoid the distortion of approved budget lines and interruption of planned activities.
4. **THAT**, both the County Assembly Service Board (CASB) and County Public Service Board (CPSB) should ensure that all future budgetary allocations are aligned with approved work plans to enhance efficiency and accountability in budget execution.
5. **THAT**, both Boards should review underutilized budget lines such as advertising, communication, and routine maintenance, and reallocate resources to priority programs that yield higher service delivery outcomes.

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: The report is duly adopted by almost all the members and annexed to the report. Thank you. I beg that the House adopts it, and then I call upon Hon. Nganga to come and second the report.

Mr. Speaker: When we were verifying membership, I did call out the name of Nganga happily, so you should not look shocked to second the motion. You may proceed.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First, I would like to laud the mover of the motion, Hon. Catherine Kituyi. The motion has been moved eloquently. This is a report that has combined the performance of the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board. From the report, you discover that it has taken a long time since the County Public Service Board initiated the project to construct the County Public Service Block.

The County Assembly has been allocating funds to make sure that the block is completed, but actually, it seems to have stalled, and there was a problem in the absorption of the money that was set aside for development to complete that block.

Looking at the County Assembly Service Board, there was also under-absorption in some lines, which is not supposed to be the case. This is a very good report, and when it comes to the side of

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the County Assembly Public Service Board, it actually touches on most of the issues that affect Honourable Members.

Honourable members, you remember our insurance medical cover. Now, there was a communication that our medical cover is now working, but it took around six months. Actually, we have been suffering. Our County Assembly Service Board should be fast-tracking these issues. I know there were some issues that caused this, but actually, they should not happen again.

I second the motion, and I urge the House to adopt the motion with its recommendations therein. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Allow me to appreciate the mover of the motion, Hon. Catherine Kituyi, the Vice Chair of the Committee, and equally appreciate the seconder of the motion, Hon. Everton Sifuna Nganga, for seconding the report accordingly.

Honourable members, allow me now to proceed and propose a motion for debate;

(Question proposed)

To use Hon. Kawa's words, "read the mood of the House"

(Applause)

Allow me to proceed and put a question on the said motion;

(Question put and agreed to)

The report of the committee, together with the recommendations, is adopted.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members that was the last item on our Order Paper. We will adjourn the House today and resume tomorrow, 2nd of April, 2026, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.23 p.m.

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