



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI
SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (THIRD SESSION)
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH, 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The House Convened at Thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
3. **PRESIDING** - Hon. Speaker on the chair.
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair made the following communications:

- i. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE KITUI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

Honourable Members,
Good afternoon.

Article 224 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provides that every County Government shall prepare and adopt its own Annual Budget and Appropriation Bill in the form, and according to the procedure prescribed in an Act of Parliament.

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Thus, the County Governments are specifically guided by Part IV (four) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 that touches on County Government responsibilities with respect to Management and Control of Public Finance.

Honourable Members,

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 outlines the procedures to be followed and the relevant statutory instruments required to be passed in approving the County Annual Budget.

It is for this reason therefore that the County Executive Member for Finance and Economic Planning submitted to the County Assembly on Thursday the 28th February, 2019 the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2019/2020 for approval. This was in compliance with the provisions of Section 117 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act which inter alia states;

‘...the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly, by the 28th February of each year.’

Honourable Members,

Therefore, as guided by the provisions of Standing Order 205, I hereby commit this Fiscal Strategy Paper to the Sectoral Committees to deliberate upon as per their respective mandate and subsequently make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall thereupon consolidate and table a report together with its recommendations to the County Assembly for consideration.

ii. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR AS RELATES TO;

**a) COMMITMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
IN EXECUTING THEIR MANDATE**

**b) FORMATION OF ADHOC COMMITTEE ON EQUITABLE WARD
DEVELOPMENT**

Honorable Members,

I would like to remind you that we as state officers, are guided by the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity as read together with the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012.

As Honourable Members of this Assembly and leaders of this County, we are responsible for ensuring that we bring honour to the nation and dignity to the office.

Honorable Members,

We are accountable to the public for our actions and should thus conduct ourselves in a manner that upholds discipline and commitment in service to the people.

Honorable Members,

In order to adhere to these principles, I kindly urge you to observe the following when handling your official duties both within and outside the precincts of the County Assembly;

- i. Be committed to the mandate of the Assembly,
- ii. Observe set timelines and attend all meetings when facilitated by the Assembly,
- iii. Do not sign the attendance registers if you haven't attended the scheduled meetings and plenary sessions,

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- iv. Do not sign the registers on behalf of your fellow members,
- v. Return all monies advanced to you for work not done.

Honorable Members,

Following the consultative meeting with the Members of County Assembly and in consultation with the leadership of the Assembly, the following members have been nominated as members of the Ad hoc Committee on Equitable Ward Development;

- i. Hon. Peter M. Kilonzo
- ii. Hon. John Mbaki M. Kisangau
- iii. Hon. Stephen M. Musili
- iv. Hon. James M. Munuve
- v. Hon. Nelson K. Musyoka
- vi. Hon. Boniface K. Kasina
- vii. Hon. David Thuvi
- viii. Hon. Esther K. Ndile
- ix. Hon. Ruth Kyene
- x. Representatives from the Office of the Governor

The terms of reference and life span of the committee will be appropriately communicated.

iii. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE COUNTY MEDIUM TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - 2019/2020

Honourable Members,

County Governments are specifically guided by part 4 (four) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, that touches on County Government

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Responsibilities with respect to the management and control of Public Finance.

Honourable Members,

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 outlines the procedures to be followed and the relevant statutory instruments required to be passed in approving the County annual Budget.

It is for this reason therefore that the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning submitted to the Assembly on 28th February, 2019, the County Medium Term Debt Management Strategy - 2019/2020. This is in compliance with the provisions of section 123 of the Public Finance Management Act which provides that;

On or before the 28th February in each year, the County Treasury shall submit to the county assembly a statement setting out the debt management strategy of the county government over the medium term with regard to its actual liability and potential liability in respect of loans and its plans for dealing with those liabilities.

The County Treasury shall include the following information in the statement:-

- a) The total stock of debt as at the date of the statement;*
- b) The sources of loans made to the county government;*
- c) The principal risks associated with those loans;*
- d) The assumptions underlying the debt management strategy; and*
- e) An analysis of the sustainability of the amount of debt, both actual and potential.*

Honourable members,

Section 123 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act provides that as soon as practicable after the statement has been submitted to the county assembly under this section, the County Executive Committee member for finance shall publish and publicize the statement and submit a copy to the Commission on

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Revenue Allocation and the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council.

Honourable Members,

Section 141(2) of the Public Finance Management Act provides that a County Government may borrow money in accordance with the Act but shall not exceed the limit set by the County Assembly.

Therefore, I hereby commit this County Medium Term Debt Management Strategy – 2019/2020 to the Committee on Finance and Planning for consideration and subsequently table a report together with its recommendations to the County Assembly.

5. MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

(Leader of Majority Party)

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 (3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today Tuesday, 12th March to 25th March, 2019 to allow Sectoral Committees ample time to interrogate and consider the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2019-2020 and write reports of the projects inspected by the County Assembly Committees and resume its sittings on Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at 2:30 P.M.

Debate Arising;

House adjourned.

6. ADJOURNMENT - And the time being Seventeen minutes to Four O'clock, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House.

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7. ASSEMBLY ROSE- at Seventeen minutes to Four O'clock.

Memorandum

*The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on
Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at 2.30 P.M.*

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