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KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY- FIRST SESSION

**OFFICIAL REPORT
(THE HANSARD)**

Thursday 30th November, 2017

The County Assembly met at 2:46 P.M.

[The Speaker (Hon. Ndotto) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPER(S) LAID

- 1) Schedule of plenary and committee sittings for the week ending on 15th December 2017.
- 2) Request for a statement on the status of Kitamaa water tank in Kisasi ward
- 3) Motion on alteration of the Calendar of the for the regular sessions
- 4) Motion on the adjournment of the County Assembly

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Members, I have received a letter from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (EACC), which I will read so that you act accordingly. The letter is written to the Clerk.

The Speaker read the letter as follows;

As you are aware, section 26(2) of the Public Officer Ethics Act, 2003 requires each state or public officer to, once every two years, submit to their relevant responsible Commissions a declaration of income, assets and liabilities of him /herself, spouse(s) and dependent children under the age of 18 years.

In addition, section 27 requires all persons joining public service to make initial declaration within 30days of becoming a state or public officer and final declarations within 30 days of ceasing to hold state or public office.

The Commission therefore notifies that 2017 is a declaration year and all state and public officers will be expected to submit their declarations to the Responsible Commissions before 31st December 2017. Further, it is expected that all persons elected or appointed to state or public offices shall make their initial declarations and those exiting public office make their final

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declarations.

Please, draw the attention of the state and public officers under your jurisdiction that failure to submit declaration is a criminal offence under section 32 of the Act which renders to a non-compliant officer, upon conviction, liable to, a fine not exceeding one million shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both; and could constitute a breach of chapter six of the Constitution.

EACC will monitor the declaration exercise and from time to time take such measures as may be necessary to enforce the law. For more information and or clarification, your office may kindly contact our Mr. Charles Rasugu or Eric Ngumbi through crasugu@integrity.go.ke and engumbi@intergrity.go.ke respectively or 072988881/2/3. Therefore, the most important thing you are required to make your declaration before 31st December, this year. If you want more information you see the Clerk.

The other communication is about a letter which I received from the Governor shortly before I came here. It is addressed to the Speaker, county Assembly of Kitui. Invitation to a consultative meeting. Her Excellency the Governor during her address to the County Assembly on 3rd October, 2017 underscored the need for Consultations between the Executive Arm and the County Assembly.

In line with that Spirit, Her Excellency the Governor will hold a consultative Meeting with Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December 2017 in Mombasa.

The agenda of the Meeting will include: Presentations of the Ministerial Short term plans, the new guidelines for Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP) among others.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to this meeting .Secondly, it is to request you to inform the Honourable Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) and urge them to attend the Meeting.

If there is any other development from this communication I will let you know, but as of now that is the letter I have. Should there be any further development on this matter, I will communicate with you later.

Next Order!

STATEMENTS

- 1) SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE SITTINGS AND PLENARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 15TH DECEMBER 2017

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Who will read the Schedule?

(The Speaker interjected as Hon. Wambua was reading the statement)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Order Hon....where are the Procedural Clerks?

(The Deputy Clerk consulted the Speaker on the absence of some procedural Clerks)

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(Hon. Wambua walked to the podium and laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Very well Hon.....

- 2) REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT ON THE STATUS OF KITAMAA WATER TANK IN KISASI WARD - HON. KASEE MUSYA

Hon. K. Musya: Hon. Speaker, I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson for the Agriculture, Water and Irrigation committee. This is pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 41 (2) c.

Whether she is aware that;

The ground and overhead water tanks served by Kitamaa borehole along Kavisuni - Kyambusya road in Kisasi ward are broken. The borehole is the only source of water for the people of Kyambusya village.

The project is not electrified yet that was part of the work.

What measures will the County Government take to ensure the residents of Kavisuni-Kyambusya have adequate portable water?

When will the water tanks be replaced?

Whether the committee can make a visit to project and assess the suffering of the residents.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(Hon. Musya walked to the podium and laid the statement on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Very well.

- 3) REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT ON INVASION OF FALL ARMY WORMS IN KITUI COUNTY -HON. KASSE MUSYA

Hon. E. K. Musya: Hon. Speaker, I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Agriculture Water and Irrigation committee. This is pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 41 (2) c.

Whether she is aware that;

- The county has been invaded by fall armyworms, which are threatening the expected harvests by farmers, particularly maize which is our staple food.
- Kitui residents will be affected by food insecurity if no urgent measures are taken to control the pests.
- Majority of local farmers cannot meet the high cost of pesticides due to poverty.

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- What measures has the County Government through the line Ministry of Agriculture taken to address the menace?
- What crop protection policies are being contemplated to mitigate the problem and whether the county has enough staff to implement the programs?

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the Statement.

(Hon. Musya walked to the podium and laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): I wish to add something on Hon. Musya's statements. This is an urgent matter and I direct that the answer to the two Statements should be brought to this House on 13th December 2017. The Clerk and Chairperson of the committee should take the necessary action.

Next Order!

MOTIONS

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

Hon. Kasina

(Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee)

Hon. K. Kasina: Thank you Mr Speaker. THAT, pursuant to provisions of Sections 135 and 154 (2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order 186 (3), this Assembly hereby adopts the Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Estimates for the 2017/2018 Financial Year laid on the table on Wednesday 29th November, 2017. Mr Speaker, I beg to move.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): You are now moving, continue, isn't it?

Hon. B. K. Kasina: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Or what is the problem?

Hon. B. K. Kasina: There is no problem Mr Speaker.

Hon. Kasina paraphrased the report as follows;

As you are aware, Mr Speaker, Supplementary Budget is the request for additional funds by Ministries and Departments during the course of the year. They are meant to cover unforeseen and unavoidable expenses and to authorise additional spending after the budget has been passed.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

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Section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012 states that, “A County Government shall submit a Supplementary Budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority”,

Section 154 (2) (c) of the same Act, gives direction on how reallocations among votes in budgets are supposed to be done. The relevant sub-sections are reproduced below for more clarification:

- (1) An accounting officer shall not authorise the transfer of an amount that is appropriated—
 - (a) For transfer to another county government entity or person;
 - (b) For capital expenditure except to defray other capital expenditure; or
 - (c) For wages to non-wage expenditures.

- (2) An accounting officer for a county government entity may reallocate funds between programs, or between Sub- Votes, in the budget for a financial year, but only if—
 - (a) Provisions made in the budget of a program or Sub-Vote are available and are unlikely to be used;
 - (b) A request for the reallocation has been made to the County Treasury explaining the reasons for the reallocation and the County Treasury has approved the request; and
 - (c) The total of all reallocations made to or from a program or Sub-Vote does not exceed ten percent of the total expenditure approved for that program or Sub-Vote for that year.

- (3) Regulations approved by the county assembly may prescribe requirements for the reallocation of funds within Sub-votes or programs.

In line with these provisions, Mr Speaker, the County Executive, and County Assembly submitted their Supplementary Estimates, both of which were tabled in the House on 14th November 2017. Thereafter, the House mandated the Budget and Appropriation Committee to scrutinize the estimates and come up with recommendations.

As we know, approval of the 2017/2018 Budget was done in March instead of June as has been the tradition. This departure, Mr Speaker, was brought about by issues relating to the 2017 general elections, which affected the Budget Cycle.

The Budget Estimates approved then were based on the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) recommendations to the Senate regarding equitable share and conditional grants. The approved estimates had a total allocation of Kshs. 9, 873,405,730 and the budget was to be financed as shown below:

➤ Equitable share	Kshs 8,368,427,839
➤ Conditional grants	Kshs 576,937,392
➤ Own revenue	Kshs 702,040,500
➤ Estimated Revote	Kshs 226,000,000

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

Hon. B.K Kasina: The Budget and....

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): We are aware of the membership. skip that part.

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Hon. B. K. Kasina: Thank you Mr Speaker.

SCOPE AND FUNCTION

The Committee is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 186, which mandates it to inter alia: -

- (a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget,
- (b) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;
- (c) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;
- (d) Examine Bills related to the national budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- (e) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

The Committee is further given legal backing under Section 131(1) to (6) of the Public Finance Management Act, (PFMA) 2012. In adherence to these provisions, the committee, examined and discussed the Supplementary Estimates and has made recommendations as contained in this report.

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

In reviewing the proposed Estimates, the Committee held eleven sittings during which period the representatives from the County Executive and County Assembly were invited to shed clarity on salient matters that came to the Committee's attention.

Those who appeared from the Executive side were the County Executive Committee Members for County Treasury and Agriculture, Water, and Livestock Development, the Deputy Director for Budgets and Economic Planning and Technical Advisor from the Office of the Governor.

The Clerk and a Member of the Board as well as the Deputy Clerk and the Principal Finance Officer represented the County Assembly Service Board. The recommendations arising from these deliberations are included in this report.

While holding discussions with the County officials, the Committee received relevant documents, from which it retrieved pertinent information, which helped to fashion its comments, observations, and recommendations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The committee compliments the Speaker's office for the support extended while performing its function. The Clerk's office shares credit also for the facilitation and provision of technical support to the committee while executing its mandate and all representatives from the Executive arm of the county government who dutifully honoured their obligations and appeared before the committee to clarify on salient issues.

Further, I wish to acknowledge the Honourable Members of the committee who traded off their time to participate in the activities of the committee and whose dedication and fortitude saw the completion of this report.

Finally, Mr Speaker, the committee is obliged to the secretariat assigned to cover its

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proceedings and who went beyond the normal call of duty on numerous occasions to ensure this report was delivered on time.

The commitment and devotion to duty of all those involved in this noble task made the work of the Committee and production of this report a success. We thank each one of them.

On behalf of the Committee, I now wish to table the report and urge the House to adopt it and the recommendations therein.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018.

We, the members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee have, pursuant to Standing Order 179, adopted this report and hereby affix our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity.

MEMBERS NAMES	SIGNATURE
Hon. Boniface Kasina	Signed
Hon. Baridi Felix Mbevo	Signed
Hon. Mary Ndumbu	Signed
Hon. Mary Kanini Philip	Signed
Hon. James Munuve	Signed
Hon. Anastacia Mutunga	Signed
Hon. Philip Nguli	Not signed
Hon. Nicholas Mwalali	Signed
Hon. Esther Kalunda Ndile	Signed

One Member did not sign the Report and I will later explain why.

EXAMINATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018

Both the County Executive and County Assembly prepared a Supplementary Budget amounting to Kshs 11,360,350,178 for both recurrent and development expenditure.

The committee noted that the Estimates had an increase of Kshs 1,486,944,447, which added to the approved Budget of Kshs 9,873,405,730 scaled up the overall County budget to Kshs 11,360,350,178.

This represented an increase of 15% attributed to the following;

- Increase in Equitable share by Kshs. 283,872,161
- Increase in Conditional grants by Kshs 109,406,972
- Increase in revote from financial year 2016/2017 budget by Kshs 1,093,665,314

The additions, Mr Speaker Sir, resulted from the fact that this year's Budget was approved in March, 2017, earlier than scheduled owing to the electioneering period. The Budget approved was pegged on CRA recommendations to the Senate on equitable share and Conditional Grants, which changed by the time the County Allocation of Revenue Act, (CARA) 2017, was approved. At the same time, it was difficult to accurately estimate the Revote since there was a period of

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three months to the closure of the Financial Year.

ADHERENCE OF THE 2017/2018 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET TO PREVAILING LEGISLATION

Mr Speaker Sir, Section 135 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act, (PFMA) 2012, provides that in any financial year the county government may not spend under this section more than 10% of the amount appropriated by the county assembly for that year unless that county assembly has, in special circumstances, approved a higher percentage.

Further, Section 154 (2) (c) of the same Act, provides that the total of all the reallocations made to or from a programme or a sub-vote does not exceed 10% of the total expenditure approved for that programme or sub-vote for that year.

While examining the Supplementary Budget, the committee noted that the following programs had exceeded the 10% limit contrary to the above provisions.

- i. Under the Ministry of Administration and Co-ordination Affairs,**
P2 County Government Administration and Field Services has made reallocations amounting to -48%
- ii. Under the County Treasury,**
P2 Economic Policy and National Planning has made reallocations amounting to 57%
P4 Public Financial Management has made reallocations amounting to -22%
- iii. Under the Ministry Education, ICT and Youth Development,**
P3 Youth Training and Development the reallocations amount to 15%
- iv. Under Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development,**
P4 Government Buildings has done reallocations amounting to -22%
- v. Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Culture,**
P5 Department of Gender has done reallocations amounting to -11%
- vi. Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development,**
P1 General Administration, Planning and Support Services has done reallocations amounting to -12%
P2 Crop Development and Management has done allocations amounting to 792%
P3 Agribusiness and Information Management has done reallocations amounting to 98%
P4 Agricultural Extension Services and Training reallocations amount to -17%
P8 Water Resources Management has done reallocations equivalent to 25%
- vii. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources**

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P1 General Administration, Planning and Support services 28%

P3 Natural Resources Conservation Management -12%

viii. Kitui Town Administration

P2 Planning, Development Control, Transport and Infrastructure 13%

P4 Coastline Infrastructure and Pedestrian Access -68%

P5 Devolution Services -55%

ix. Mwingi Town Administration

P1 General Administration, Planning and Support Services -12%

Of importance to note, Mr Speaker Sir, is the fact that, overall, the Budget has increased by 15% because of the new revenues cited above. This implies that if the increment was to be distributed evenly to all the programmes, each would get a rise of 15% meaning the 10% limit would still be exceeded.

Further, Section 108 (2) of the PFMA allows a new county Government to deviate from the financial objectives in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper but may not deviate from fiscal responsibility objectives. It is for this reason, that this committee requests this House to approve the supplementary budget the deviations notwithstanding.

REVIEW OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, 2017/2018

The executive submitted an overall budget of Kshs 11,360,350,178, which was higher than the approved budget by Kshs 1,486,944,447 as earlier explained. Increase in conditional grants of Kshs 109,406,972 was channelled as follows:

- Development of youth polytechnics under the ministry of Basic Education, ICT and Youth Development – Kshs 67,576,636
- Road maintenance Levy fund under Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development – Kshs 41,830,336

Increase in Revote of Kshs 1,093,665,314 was reallocated for the same projects, the money was budgeted for in the previous financial year.

Increase in equitable share of Kshs 283,872,161 and reallocations within budget programmes of Kshs 297,587,839 both totalling to Kshs 581,460,000 was proposed to be reallocated as indicated in the table below:

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIMENTARY BUDGET 2017/18 FY				
	County Ministry		Workings	Sub Total (Kshs)
1	Agriculture, Water & Livestock Development	Purchase of tractors (20no.)	20no.xKsh4.0m	80,000,000

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		Operationalization of Tractors		15,000,000
		Purchase of Certified Seeds	400,000x250	100,000,000
		Others (Purchase of pesticides, Maize, sorghum, beans, <i>distribution</i>)		25,000,000
		logistics/Transport	500,000Kg*Ksh20	10,000,000
		Ploughing		15,000,000
		Water tracking		20,000,000
		Co-financing ASDSP & NARIGP		10,500,000
		Bore holes		100,000,000
		TOTAL		375,500,000
2	Education, ICT & Youth Development	Youth Training (<i>NTSA, Police, AA & Driving School</i>)	3,000no.x Kshs 4,500	13,500,000
3	Health & Sanitation	Mobile clinics		24,000,000
		Purchase of drugs		74,000,000
		CT scans	(2no.)	40,000,000
		X-ray Machine(s)		44,460,000
		TOTAL		182,460,000
4	The Treasury	Preparation of CIDP 2018-2022		10,000,000
		TOTAL		581,460,000

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDS		
1	The difference between Revenue projections in 2017/18 FY Budget & the amount allocated in the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA) 2017	
	Equitable Share in CARA, 2017	8,652,300,000
	Equitable Share in Approved 2017/2017 budget	8,368,427,839
	Increase in Equitable Share	283,872,161
2	Payroll Savings	144,587,839
3	Selected O&M budget lines savings for the first 2 months of First Quarter	153,000,000
	Total proposed Funding	581,460,000

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Mr Speaker Sir, the above table shows the proposed areas where the increase in equitable share and re-allocations within budget programmes both totalling to Kshs 581,460,000 was to be allocated as explained below:

1. Under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development, the county executive proposed to undertake the following projects:
 - i. Purchase 20 tractors at a cost Kshs 4,000,000 each totaling to Kshs 80,000,000.
 - ii. Operationalize the tractors at a total cost of Kshs 15,000,000.
 - iii. Purchase 400,000 Kilograms of certified seeds at a cost of Kshs 250 per Kg totaling to Kshs. 100,000,000
 - iv. Purchase and distribute pesticides at a total cost of Kshs 25,000,000
 - v. Transport 500,000 Kilograms of certified seeds at a cost Kshs 20 per kg totaling to Kshs 10,000,000
 - vi. Ploughing at a total cost of Kshs 15,000,000
 - vii. Carry out water tracking at a total cost of Kshs 20,000,000
 - viii. Provide for Co-finance of ASDSP AND NARIGP at a total cost of Kshs 10,500,000
 - ix. Renovate of Boreholes at a cost of Kshs 100,000,000
 2. Under the Ministry of Basic Education, ICT and Youth Development the County Executive proposed to provide Kshs 13,500,000 to train 3,000 youths on Road safety.
 3. Under the Ministry of Health and Sanitation the County Executive proposed to undertake the following projects :
 - i. Operationalize mobile clinics at a cost of Kshs 24,000,000
 - ii. Purchase Drugs at a cost of Kshs 74,000,000
 - iii. Purchase one CT-Scan machine at a cost of Kshs 40,000,000
 - iv. Purchase X-ray machines at a cost of Kshs 44,460,000
 4. Under county Treasury the County Executive proposed an additional allocation of Kshs 10,000,000 for preparation of County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022
- Committee Observations on the County Executive Supplementary Estimates-2017/2018

The committee made the following observations;

- i. The planned purchase of 20 tractors to promote mechanization of agriculture in the county is no longer a priority since the planting season had lapsed.
- ii. The new County administration has set food security as one of its priorities and towards that end embarked on provision of certified Seeds to farmers before the onset of the planting season.

The Kenya Red Cross society (KRCS) which partnered with the County Government in supplying farmers with the seeds had by the onset of the short rains supplied 250,000

kilograms of green grams (Ndengu) to the farmers.

The county government on its part managed to distribute 118,000 kilograms. In that regard, the committee sees no justification for the Executive to budget for distribution of 400,000 Kilograms of seeds yet its previous capacity was 118,000 Kilos.

The county has also not factored any amount to buy the produce from the farmers after the harvest yet they have the intention to carry farmers produce to a central warehouse immediately it is harvested.

- iii. The County Executive has proposed an allocation of Kshs 10,000,000 for transportation of 500,000 Kilograms of green grams despite its previous capacity of 118,000 kilograms.
- iv. While appreciating the County Government for embarking on drilling and rehabilitation of collapsed boreholes and water tracking to alleviate scarcity of water in the county, the committee considers the effort, albeit, well meaning, as short term solution to a persistent problem.

The committee would expect the additional allocation of Kshs 120,000,000 towards Bore holes and Water Tracking to provide a long term solution towards water scarcity.

- v. The County has a stockpile of drugs expected to last for up to April next year. The drugs are under the custody of Health and Sanitation Ministry. Further, salaries of the newly hired medical nurses are not factored in the budget. The medics have been working under partnership involving the county government and Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) which has expired and the county government felt the need to retain them. Further, the amount allocated for purchase of CT –Scan and X-ray machines was far much below the market price for such important machines.
- vi. The first County Integrated Development Program (2013-2018) will lapse at the end of this year. For that reason, the county treasury is expected to prepare another CIDP for the period 2018-2022 and have beside the approved budget of Kshs. Kshs 10,000,000proposed extra Kshs 10,000,000in the supplementary budget raising the total budget to Kshs. 20,000,000.
- vii. The Executive has not factored any additional funding to CLIDP and Pro-Poor Programme under Governor’s office yet the two initiatives are key in inducing development and have so far impacted positively on the lives of beneficiaries.
- viii. Kshs 35,000,000appropriated for mentorship Programme under Education, ICT and Youth Development Ministry will only be utilized in the Third Quarter of this Financial Year. This has resulted from non-implementation of the Programme in the First Quarter of this FY. The enterprise is tailored at assisting class eight pupils in the county to attain good grades in national examinations.

REVIEW OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2017/2018

The county Assembly submitted an overall budget of Kshs 1,056,742,341, which was higher than the approved budget by Kshs 160,125,180. The increase resulted from a revote of Kshs 93,152,437 and an addition of Kshs 66,972,743, which the Assembly requested the committee to source from the Executive's budget.

The table below shows proposed areas for reallocations:

Proposals on votes to be increased or reduced during supplementary budget 2017/2018

PROPOSED VOTES FOR SOURCING OF FUNDS					
Sub Item Code	Sub Item Name	Amount Budgeted	Proposed Savings	Actual Revote	Proposed Supplementary Allocation
2110314	Transport Allowance	17,031,166	(17,031,166)	-	-
2110317	Domestic Servant Allowance	720,000	(180,000)	-	540,000
2110328	County Assembly Attendance Allowances	69,638,400	(36,518,400)	-	33,120,000
2110329	Ward Office Holders Allowance	35,592,000	(5,092,000)	-	30,500,000
2120101	Employer Contribution to NSSF	376,800	(22,400)	-	354,400
2211325	Ward Office Operations	30,606,000	(7,200,000)	-	23,406,000
	TOTAL SAVINGS		(66,043,966)	-	

PROPOSED VOTES FOR APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
Sub Item Code	Sub Item Name	AMOUNT BUDGETED	PROPOSED ADDITIONS	ACTUAL REVOTE	PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION
2110101	Basic Salaries - Civil Servants	114,268,438	5,403,187		119,671,625
2110116	Basic Salaries - Members of County Assembly	132,556,652	2,628,782		135,185,434
2210801	Catering Services (Accommodation, Gifts, Food and Drinks	18,709,600	5,700,000		24,409,600
2210809	Board Allowances & Seminars	8,390,400	2,384,000		10,774,400
2210901	Group Personal Insurance	-	4,500,000		4,500,000
2210910	Medical Insurance	21,500,000	13,500,000		35,000,000
2710103	Gratuity	16,912,515	1,292,677		18,205,192
3111111	Purchase of ICT Networking	-	2,000,000		2,000,000
3110202	Construction of nonresidential buildings	30,000,000	95,608,063	73,273,437	198,881,500
3110504	Other Infrastructure & Civil Works	-	-	19,879,000	19,879,000
	TOTAL PROPOSED ADDITIONS		133,016,709	93,152,437	226,169,146

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY PROPOSALS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES -2017/2018

The committee observed as follows;

- i. Kshs. 7,200,000 budgeted for ward offices operation has been slashed by the County Assembly. The allocation was meant for the months of July, August and September 2017.

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Following the departure of former MCAs, the offices remained operational under office assistants who incurred some debts as they performed their work and which must be paid. This money is yet to be paid.

- ii. Expenses on ward offices operation has been on upward trend owing to inflation but allocation for this item has remained static for the last 5 years.
- iii. Former MCAs will not benefit from the money appropriated for their extra pay. The five-year tenure of the exited ward reps was scheduled to end on March 3, 2018, thus entitling them to continue drawing their salary for 8 months without working. But that decision was recently overturned by the Court of Appeal.

The committee noted that the County assembly was operating under a budget ceiling of Kshs. 727,297,161 for recurrent expenditures as a result approval of CARA, 2017. Further to this the approved budget had exceeded the Ceiling by Kshs 77,320,000 meant to cater for the extra pay of former MCAs. CASB had proposed savings from recurrent expenditure amounting Kshs 28,635,320 out of the approved ceiling.

- iv. The money allocated for mortgage loans can cater for 40 Members only.
- v. Snacks are provided for in the approved budget yet Members are not served with bites while attending weekly committee sittings. Further, the allocation for catering services features entertainment allowance for the offices of Majority and Minority Leaders which the office bearers are entitled to.
- vi. Nearly three months after been sworn-in Members are yet to be issued with laptops which are provided for in the approved budget.
- vii. The budget proposed by the County Assembly Service Board has some allocation towards completion of the new chambers. The committee appreciates the need to shift plenary sittings from the Kenya Forestry Research Institute Offices to the new spacious building.
- viii. The Kshs. 3,000 paid to Members while on local travels (within the county) is little compared to what they spend on fuel. The rate needs to be adjusted to match with the reality.
- ix. Within the County Assembly proposed supplementary Budget there is a revote from the previous financial year of Kshs 19,879,000 which was earmarked for acquisition of a recreational facility for members. Further, Kshs 30,000,000 within the approved budget for Speaker's residence and office block. There is also a set deadline for the construction of the Speaker's residence of June, 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

The committee makes the following recommendations to this House;

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- i. To reduce the proposed allocation of Kshs 80,000,000 for procurement of 20 tractors under the Ministry of Agriculture, water and Livestock Development by Kshs 40,000,000. This will be actualized by reducing the number of tractors earmarked for purchase from 20 to 10 on which the balance of Kshs. 40,000,000 will be channeled to other projects.

The idea of procuring many tractors now should be put on hold since the planting season had lapsed and no more ploughing, harrowing, or planting is required. Acquiring the machinery now is not a priority and it has been overtaken by events. However, the committee recommends that purchase of the remaining 10 tractors should be considered at a later date.

The committee considered the economics of renting versus owning the heavy machinery and trucks and reckoned that with ownership comes maintenance and operating costs including fuel, insurance and other fees such as government licensing, and those costs obviously vary from machine to machine.

The committee decision was informed by the fact that more agencies are renting the equipment they need at the jobsite after realizing that there are many opportunities to rent the equipment for jobs instead of purchasing.

That has been the case with multinationals such as Kenya Commercial Bank, East Africa Breweries Limited a trend which the county government should emulate. Further, the committee was of the view that the purchase of 10 Tractors should be done on piloting basis pending assessment of their value to the taxpayer later.

- ii. To reduce the proposed allocation of Kshs 15,000,000 for Operationalization of tractors within the Ministry of Agriculture, water and Livestock Development by Kshs 5,000,000. This is considering that the reduction of the number of tractors to be purchased will scale down expenditure on the machinery.
- iii. To reduce Kshs 70,500,000 from purchase of certified seeds under the Ministry of Agriculture, water and Livestock Development. The committee strongly feels that there is no need to budget for 400,000 kilos of green grams, yet the county government only supplied 118,000 kilos and Red Cross supplied 250,000 Kilos of green-grams before the onset of the planting season.

The committee noted inconsistencies on information provided by the Executive regarding the whole project of supplying certified seeds to farmers under partnership with Kenya Red cross society. The county government should come up with a structured framework and policy guidelines on the green gram revolution programme.

- iv. To reduce Kshs 7,640,000 from Transport for certified seeds under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development. In the same vein, the committee could not make out how the executive budgeted for distribution of 500,000 kilograms of seeds

yet they previously managed only 118,000 kilos.

- v. To reduce Kshs 5,000,000 from amount allocated for ploughing under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development. The Kshs. 15,000,000 allocated for the exercise is overrated considering the recommendation to have the number of tractors to be purchased reduced from 20 to 10.
- vi. To reduce Kshs 38,322,335 from amount allocated for bore holes under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development. This is because of another allocation of Kshs. 315,000,000 for drilling new Boreholes, rehabilitating existing Boreholes and constructing new sand dams which has not been fully utilized.

The committee appreciates the county administration for the ongoing drilling and rehabilitation of collapsed boreholes and water tracking to relieve residents from scarcity of water. However, even though, well-meaning, the committee considers the effort as providing short-term solution to a persistent challenge.

In that regard, the Committee recommends that the county government should now focus on development of infrastructure for large-scale water harvesting and distribution in a bid to achieve a meaningful solution to the long-term problem.

- vii. To reallocate Kshs 74,000,000 proposed for purchase of drugs under the Ministry of Health and Sanitation as shown below:
 - Kshs 37,000,000 to salaries and allowances for the newly hired medics who previously served under JHPIEGO and County Government partnership.
 - Kshs 30,000,000 as additional for purchase of a CT- Scan machine.
 - The balance of Kshs 7,000,000 as additional for purchase of X-ray Machines.

The committee considered it sensible to have the purchase of drugs put on hold until the next supplementary budget to allow reallocations in favour of the nurses' salaries, and purchase of CT-scan and X-ray machines. This decision was informed by the fact that the county has enough stocks of drugs set to last up to April next year, while there is no budgetary provisions for the medics salaries' and no adequate provisions for procurement of the CT-scan and X-ray machines.

- viii. To provide an additional allocation of Kshs 100,000,000 and Kshs 36,000,000 to CLIDP and Pro-Poor programmes respectively. This will advance the welfare of beneficiaries and spur development in the county.
- ix. To reinstate Kshs 7,200,000 which the County Assembly had proposed to slash from the allocation forward office operation for the months of July to September, 2017. Further, make an additional allocation of Kshs 11,200,000 towards the ward office operations. The committee reckoned that although the money for ward office operations for the months of July to September, 2017 was not paid, the offices remained operational under

office assistants who incurred some debts as they performed their work and which must be paid.

Further, expenses on ward office operations has been on upward trend owing to inflation but allocation for the item has remained static for the last 5 years. The committee, for that reason has decided to apportion Kshs 11,200,000 in order to enable the CASB to consider increasing the monthly payments made in favor of running the offices.

- x. Since the former MCAs whose five-year tenure was to end on March 3, 2018, will not be entitled to extra pay after the decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal recently, the Kshs. 77,320,000 allocated in the approved budget for their emoluments will not be utilized. In that regard, the committee recommends for reallocation of the money as shown below:-

- Kshs 31,000,000 towards mortgage loans for MCAs. The committee noted that the money allocated for the kitty could cater for 40 members only making 14 others to miss out.
- The Balance of Kshs 46,320,000 be transferred to the Development vote for construction of chambers.

- xi. To transfer Kshs 19,879,000 earmarked for acquisition of a recreational facility for members towards Construction of Chamber. This amount has been re-voted for two consecutive financial years.

Further, transfer Kshs 15,000,000 towards construction of chamber out of Kshs 30,000,000 approved for speakers residence and office block.

The balance of Kshs 15,000,000 to do designs for speakers residence bearing in mind there is a set deadline for the construction of the same by June, 2019.

The committee felt there was a need for the CASB to concentrate on one project at a time other than doing multiple projects simultaneously which has proved to be an uphill task.

- xii. CASB had proposed savings from recurrent expenditure amounting to Kshs 28,635,320 out of the approved ceiling of Kshs 727,297,161. The committee recommends these savings to be redistributed as follows;

- Kshs 18,400,000 be reallocated towards office operations monthly payment by reinstating Kshs 7,200,000 and providing additional allocation of Kshs 11,200,000 as explained in note ix above.
- Kshs 2,920,000 to be added to Domestic Travel. The Committee feels that the prevailing transport rate was low compared to what members spent on fuel hence the need for adjustment to match with the reality. Additionally, the committee recommends that County Assembly Service Board should review the transport rates

for other major towns like Naivasha, Nakuru and Meru.

- The remaining balance of Kshs 7,335,320 be transferred to Development vote for the construction of the chamber.
- xiii. The committee recommends that the Assembly administration must ensure that members are served with snacks while attending committee meetings since the approved budget has an allocation for the same. Further, the offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders are entitled to entertainment allowance as provided for in the budget.
- x. On laptops, the committee recommends that the management must ensure that the gadgets are procured as a matter of urgency and issued to ease the work of MCAs.
- xi. With regard to completion of the chamber, the committee appreciates the need to shift plenary sitting from KEFRI to the new chambers. In this regard, the Committee has endeavored to source for funds within this mini-budget towards completion of the project as stated earlier in this report.

However, this committee was not satisfied with some of the figures proposed by the County Assembly Service Board such as for additional works, variations, interest and loss due to stoppage, supervision and disbursement fees. The Committee established that;-

- Work variations/additions were not approved by the Board but was a financial appraisal by the contractor.
- The county assembly Senior Legal Counsel disagreed with the proposal to pay interest accruing from the purported loss as a result of stoppage of the works due to litigations. The evidence to this is attached as annex II.
- Some items in the original Bill of Quantities (BQ) such as public toilets, MCAs lounge, Lifts etc. were never implemented yet there is no effect on the budgetary provisions.
- In the original contract, there was provision for demolition yet it features as additional works/variations in the financial appraisal. The evidence to this is attached as annex III.

The above notwithstanding, the Committee urges this House to approve the proposed allocations towards construction of chamber and ask the County Assembly Service Board to negotiate with the contractor regarding the additional works, variations, interest and loss due to stoppage and supervision and disbursement fees which this committee feels overrated.

In view of the above, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly Service Board should be submitting progress reports on construction of the new chambers and

any other future developments for scrutiny by the Assembly.

- xii. In line with its mandate, the committee resolute to be undertaking post implementation reviews of its decisions and recommendations to ensure prudent use of public resources.
- xiii. The committee also recommends for establishment of a fully-fledged county assembly budget office with a team of qualified fiscal analysts as is the case with other legislatures. This will enhance the oversight mandate.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, the committee recommends that all other proposals, which have not been affected by the above specific recommendations, be approved as proposed for both the County Executive and Assembly. These adjustments in both the County Executive and County Assembly budgets will raise the overall county budget to Kshs. 11,360,350,178.00 as analysed in annex I due to;

- Increase in equitable share by Kshs 283,872,161
- Increase in conditional grants by Kshs 109,406,972 and
- Increase in actual revote from 2016/17 budget by Kshs 1,093,665,314 actual revote

The Senior Fiscal Analyst, Senior Hansard Editor and First Clerk assistance, prepared this report.

Once again, thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Hon. Members, I have gone through the Report and as you have witnessed, it is very well analysed and articulated.

I appreciate Members of the Committee for dedicating their time and energy in considering the budget estimates. We at times used to work during the weekend. This happened in Mwingi and in Naivasha. The committee was even sitting when the President was being sworn-in. This demonstrates its seriousness in executing its function. You witnessed the several meetings we held. I also thankful to the secretariat which comprised the First Clerk Assistant, Fiscal Analyst and the Hansard Editor.

The office of the Speaker shares credit also for the support extended. Hon. Members, if you go through the report, you will see how we analysed the Executive's budget. We touched on the issues of certified seeds and 'Ndengu Revolution'.

While delivering her speech during the official opening of the Second County Assembly, the Governor outlined five key priority areas, which her administration will focus on for the benefit of *Musangi* (Ordinary persons). I am also sure the Hon. Members campaigned on their own pillars. So it is important for all of us to harmonise our agendas.

The 'Ndengu Revolution' concerns all of us. What we did regarding the project was to provide what is required. We also considered the Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP) in line with your wishes. We knew what you wanted. However, note that we were working on a Supplementary and not the main Budget. For the sake of Members who may not be aware, with Supplementary Budget, the committee considers reallocations and not overhauling the figures. In that regard, I plead with the House to endorse the mini-budget for the benefit of *Musangi*. The House should note that both the County Executive and County Assembly cannot operate without financial facilitation. Money is required to enable delivery of

services to Musangi.

The committee has proposed that the monthly allocation for ward offices operation be increased to Ksh. 100,000 from Ksh 60,000. This was done in view of inflation. The fact that the figure has remained static for the last 5 years was also considered.

The committee has also overturned a decision to slash Kshs. 7,200,000 budgeted for ward offices operation for the months of July, August and September 2017. Instead, it has recommended that the money be used to clear debts incurred by the office assistants since the offices remained operational after departure of former MCAs.

Transport allowance paid to Members while on official trips locally will be raised to Ksh. 6,000 from Ksh. 3,000 if the committee's proposal to that effect is considered. The committee rooted for the adjustment in view of the high cost of fuel especially for the Members with big cars.

Committee Members who drove to Mwingi can bear witness on the expense involved. Some of us especially those with the "heavy machines" spent over 5,000 to 6,000 shillings.

(Laughter)

Thus, 6,000 shillings will be realistic. However, if you ask me, I will tell you that 6,000 shillings is not realistic per se. But while undergoing senior leadership course, I learned that we should learn to do more with few. Hence, we shall contend with the 6,000 if the proposal is approved as we wait for more next time.

(Applause)

In compiling the Report, the Committee held consultations with representatives from the County Executive, Assembly administration, and County Assembly Service Board. The County Executive Committee Members for Treasury and Agriculture appeared before the committee three times for discussion on pertinent issues. Also considered while considering the Reports was the information provided by the representatives from the two arms of the county government.

I once again plead with you Members to pass the budget. You will have an opportunity to factor in your wishes during preparation of the CIDP, County Fiscal Strategy Paper and 2018/2022 budget.

Without much ado, I ask my Vice Chairman Hon. Baridi Mbevo to second the Motion.

(Hon. Mbevo stood up in his place)

Hon. Mbevo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this.....

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kasina. you have forgotten something very important.

(Hon. Kasina spoke off-record)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): No, no. Get the microphone.

Hon. Kasina: Bring the mic

(Laughter)

Hon. K. Kasina: Thank you Mr Speaker. I am sorry. You know we are still learning. I can assure you that the next presentation will be seamless and perfect. So Hon. Speaker I beg to move the Motion.

Hon. Mbevo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My name is Baridi Felix Daudi Mbevo, the Member for Mutonguni ward. I take this opportunity to say that the figures were very well analysed by Members of the Committee because they are knowledgeable. It was a give and take scenario. I do not have much to say because the Chairperson has said almost everything. I urge the Members to support the Motion. With those remarks I beg to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon members, I now want to propose the following question.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Members, the report is now before the house for debate and final verdict. Who wants to say something?

(Hon. Nguli stood in his place)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Nguli, this is your report. You need to give the other Members who have not yet spoken a chance... What you want to say now you should have said it when the committee was compiling the report. Hon. Thuvi.

Hon. Thuvi: Thank you Mr Speaker. I must say that I am impressed by the report. I stand to support the good work done by the Budget Committee under the Chairman's guidance. They did a commendable job and we could not have expected anything better than that. Congratulations Mr Chairman and your team for the job well done.

With regard to Ksh 100 million meant for rehabilitation of bore holes, I would like to know how many boreholes will be drilled in my Kwa Mutonga-Kithumula ward. This is because the people I represent want to know if they will benefit from the funds. I know the other Members also want to know how their people will benefit from the supplementary budget.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when I look at the amount set aside for operationalization of tractors

(Hon. Munuve stood on a Point of Information)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon Thuvi, do you require the point of information?

Hon. Thuvi: Yes, because he is a Member of the Budget Committee. Let us hear his Point of Information.

Hon. Munuve: Thank you. I want to inform the Hon. Member that the list of boreholes to be rehabilitated is with the ministry of water. It was not possible to feature list in the report, as it would become too voluminous. The same is the case with health facilities. Our work was to appropriate the money. Liaise with the ministry of LIUD after this session to know the boreholes set for rehabilitation or drilling per ward. Thank you for accepting my Point of Information.

Hon. Thuvi: Thank you for the Point of Information. However I think Mr. Speaker....

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The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Order!, Hon Thuvi. When I say order, it means you sit down. I think it is a good idea that such information is provided to the House in advance. It is not wise for Members to approve funds for projects whose details are unclear. It is important for the Members to know where the projects are located so that they ask pertinent questions. We continue for now but going forward, the House must be provided with such...

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Order! Hon Members. ...details in advance whether included in Reports or issued separately. That should be the case where evidence of projects being implemented is required. Continue Hon. Thuvi.

Hon. Thuvi: Thank you Mr Speaker for that clarification and for supporting my viewpoint. We are entitled to such information, which should be provided on time so that we make informed decisions. We have no problem with allocating the money but with lack of details on the projects to be funded. That point should go into record.

It is important for Members to know that the committee has proposed Kshs. 415 million for boreholes. We should be concerned about the identity and location of the boreholes. The committee, while opting to reduce the budget for tractors appeared not to have pro-rated the amount because the original amount of 15 million was meant for 20 tractors which the committee is seeking to slash to 5 million. If pro-rating was observed the amount would have come down to Kshs. 7.5 million. That is my take. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Very well, Majority leader.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I first thank the Budget and Appropriations Committee for doing a good job. The budget is balanced. While I support the Report, there are issues we need to consider carefully. I have reservations on the idea to purchase tractors for use in plowing residents' farms as it happened in our wards recently. It would have been good if the county government ventured into a major irrigation project of say 300 acres in an area like Wikithuki or Kanyoonyoo. This would be better than using the tractors in plowing peoples' farms.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not convinced by the proposed allocation for operationalization of the tractors. With the issue of.....

Hon. Speaker: Hold on Hon. Kilonzo. Hon. Members, something is amiss in this House. We cannot discuss the budget when those who prepared it are not here. Who will listen on their behalf? Who will take notes for them? It is only that the matter is urgent that we shall continue with the debate, otherwise I would have adjourned the sitting so that the treasury officials are invited to come and listen to your views on the budget. This is a serious omission which the executive should take note of. Continue Hon. Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker Sir, this is an important document and representatives from the county executive should have been here to listen to our concerns.

Hon. Speaker: They just need money and that is all. They do not bother what you think about the estimates.

Hon. Kilonzo: That unfortunate Mr. Speaker, they appear to take this House for granted. The previous effort to mechanize agriculture in the county occasioned problems. First, consider that drivers for the tractors who were permanently employed remain idle when the machinery

breakdown which happens frequently. They are also in the business of selling spare parts.

(Hon. Regina stood in her place and spoke-off record)

Hon. Speaker: There is something Hon. Kilonzo. Point of

(Hon. Regina spoke-off record again)

Hon. Speaker: Will you accept a Point of Information from Elizabeth?

(Hon. Kilonzo answered spoke-off record and answered in the affirmative)

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, its Hon. Regina, I am sorry Hon Regina. Will you accept the Point of Information Hon. Kilonzo?

(Hon. Kilonzo spoke-off record again and answered in the affirmative)

Hon. Regina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member.....

Hon. Speaker: Your not on the mic

Hon.Regina: Yes, the Hon. Member is talking about tractors and drivers yet we are discussing the budget. So which is which?

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Order! Hon Members, Hon. Member, that is a good Point of Order, it is not a Point of Information. You should have started this way; are you in order to confuse.....you are talking of this; so can you clarify what you are talking about

Hon. Regina: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am still learning. Are you in order to tell us about the driver s, ttractors and whatever, yet we taking about the budget which is very okay, congratulation the chairman and your team, so....

(Laughter)

...telling us about the tractors, farmers and whatever, I think

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kilonzo continue. You are learning. To respond, Hon. Kilonzo is perfectly in order because he is trying to analyse a situation. Why he thinks there is something missing or should not be done. Continue but is a good Point of Order.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Hon. Regina for the Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, there are

other issues which we really... I expected to see a policy paper outlining how the medics engaged under partnership between the County Government and JPIEGO would be absorbed by the County Government after lapse of the contract. The doctors cannot work free. They must be paid and insured and so on yet this House was not consulted on the matter. It is now I am reading in this Report that the contract had expired and the Executive resolved to retain the workers. It is unfortunate the Executive is seeking to implement that decision without the input of the House.

The Committee's Chair has informed the House that variation of their figures was pegged at 10%. Although, I am not good with figures, I have seen a figure with a variance of close 792%. That needs to be clarified. The figure in question is under crop development and relates to the *Ndengu* revolution. Thus, my question is; is the *Ndengu* revolution been revived?

For the County Assembly, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee came up with some good proposals. One is on domestic travels. I drive a small car- 1800 cc and I feel the pain of fuelling it. Only Kshs. 3,000 has been proposed for local travels. I don't know why the Committee decided to give CASB the leeway to decide on the matter. The committee should have proposed something like 6, 000 shillings.....

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Members, when considering the estimates, be careful not to usurp the powers of the Board. Only the Board has the final say on adjusting the travel rates and not the Assembly. The Committee can only give recommendations. Continue.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you for that clarification. Committee made its recommendation. I am okay with the proposed travel allowance for Nairobi but the rate for Naivasha, Nakuru, and Meru ought to be reconsidered.

Mr. Speaker Sir, CASB has a serious mandate. Regarding construction of the Chamber, the House will need answers on the proposed additional works featured in the last page of the Report. Does it mean the Chamber was designed without provision for a public gallery and installation of chairs, which has resulted in request for additional 3 million shillings to facilitate the work? I don't know what's the committee's position on this matter but it needs to be investigated.

I am happy with the proposal for provision for snacks. Generally, Mr. Speaker Sir, the budget is balanced and we should support the report. I urge the Hon. Members to support the Report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): This is your budget. It seems you are all supporting it. isn't it? May I go ahead.... because I understand Hon. Members

(Hon. Mbili stood up in his place)

Sit down Hon. Mbili. We will be going to say pole to our colleague. Hon. Kilonzo will say something at the end of this session. The visit is scheduled at 4 pm. We are somehow in a mess but the business of the House comes first other things later. May I put the question? Hon. Mbili, you wanted to say something or you go by the majority?

(Hon. Mbili stood up again)

And you will be the last one, please.

Hon. Mbili: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute. I will

be brief as I promised. I first congratulate the committee for the work they did. Looking at the figures, it shows there was a lot of give and take and balancing. We know the committee put a lot of efforts in determining the figures which they did within a short period. I comment the committee for considering the views of the Members while making the reallocations.

I want to talk on two issues. The first one is my suggestion that the committee should next time provide an annex of line items whose approved allocations are re-voted. That will enable the House to identify the affected items and rebuff any proposal to give the items additional funds when considering the next budget. The money re-voted from the previous budget, according to this report, was Kshs. 1 billion.

The other issue regards the Bill of Quantities in respect of the pending works which include toilets, Members lounge, and installation of lifts to the new debating chamber. Savings were made since the work is incomplete, hence the committee should have disclosed the savings.

My last point is on the proposal to purchase tractors. As explained in this Report, this enterprise is no longer a priority since the planting season has lapsed with the next season expected in April and May. The committee was too lenient to apportion 10 % to the Executive. The entire estimates should have scrapped and be considered during the next budget. This idea should be considered critically on the basis that acquiring additional tractors means increased expenses for the county government. This would be inform of maintenance costs and consumables. Those are the areas I wanted to comment on. I could have continued to contribute but because of time, I should end there and I beg to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Members, let me say this as a speaker. I have been here for the last four and half years during the last assembly. This budget is not only balanced but reasoned. I comment the committee for justifying every move they made. Every reduction and addition made has been justifying. That is how budgets are done. You don't assume that parliament will just approve what you have done; you must justify to convince the Members to support the estimates. This budget is justified.

Hon. Members I want to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Next order!

MOTION ON ALTERATION OF THE HOUSE CALENDAR FOR REGULAR SESSIONS

Leader of the majority party-Hon. Kilonzo

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to move a Motion on alteration of the House Calendar for regular sessions;

THAT; pursuant to provisions of Standing Order Nos. 25 (4) and 227, this House resolves to alter its Calendar and have the first session end on 14th December 2017 instead of 7th December 2017 as earlier scheduled.

Mr. Speaker, this is a straight forward Motion and I want to request the Minority Leader

to second, no, it is not the Minority Leader but the Chief Whip to Second the Motion as I lay the Paper.

(Hon. Kilonzo matched to the podium and laid the Paper on the Table)

(The Chief Whip Hon. Musili took the floor before the Speaker assigned him and before the Majority Leader ended his speech thrusting the Speaker into laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kivunzi (Musili) you have stood even when the Majority Leader is still on the floor? You want to second the Motion even before he sits down.

(Laughter)

Hon. Members, I agree with the Majority Leader that this is just a simple procedural Motion. I want to propose the question;

(Question proposed)

I will put the following question...

(Hon. Munuve stood up in his place)

Hon. Munuve , I stood up before you, sit down.

(Laughter)

Anyway, I will not deny you the chance to speak. Say something.

Hon. Munuve:-Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I always sit in front in order for you to see me. I have stood to support change of the Calendar. Infact I came with amendments on the same because I realised beforehand that we have a lot to do as an Assembly and more changes are expected even as we break for the recess. So it is very important Mr. Speaker Sir, to acknowledge my amendments. Thank you and I support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Right, Hon. Members I will put the following question;

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker: Next order

MOTION

MOTION ON THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Leader of the Majority Party

(Hon. Kilonzo)

The Speaker: Hon. Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I have stood to move a Motion on adjournment of the County Assembly. **THAT;** Pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 25(3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today 30th November, 2017 to allow the Members time to attend a consultative meeting with her Excellency the Governor and resume its sitting on Wednesday the 13th of December, 2017 at 9 am.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the consultative meeting is key to this House. As the Majority Leader, I have been unable to find answers to occurrences within the county government, which only the Governor herself can provide answers. During the meeting, we shall be bold enough in order to send a clear message to the Governor. Among the burning issues we shall discuss with her is the lack of communication on activities undertaken by the county government in our wards.

Mr. Speaker Sir; I have heard that the county government is sponsoring youth and women football at village level. Imagine not even the village administrator but somebody else informed me of this development. Being the MCA for Athi ward I need to be given such information. For the pro-poor program, at least the village administrator informed me of the program. We need to discuss such issues with the Governor so that we adjust ourselves as we move to next year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I request the Chief Whip to second the Motion as I lay the paper. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: This time he has waited until you sat down.

(Laughter)

Hon. Musili: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, most of us have been asking questions. We had placed several requests to meet her Excellency the Governor and am happy that our plea has been heard. We now have opportunity to interact so that this House and the County Executive will be able to harmonise our operations. This is because things are being done in our wards yet we are not being informed.

We shall go there and speak our minds. We shall tell them this is where we think we have a problem and they tell us how they intent to implement their policies and act on the Bills passed by this House. With those few remarks I support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): To second.

Hon. Musili: To second, sorry..

The Speaker: Hon. Members, we are in agreement you need this Motion, is it not? I will propose the following question **THAT;** No, I think I am wrong, there is no need to put a question on this Motion.

(The Speaker and Clerk consulted)

Let me propose the Question so that Members who want to contribute do so and thereafter we adjourn the House.

(Question proposed)

Who wants to say something? No.

ADJOURNMENT

Can you stand up we adjourn the House.

(The Hon. Members stood up in their places)

Hon. Members, this House now stands adjourned until Wednesday 14th December 2017 at 9am.

The County Assembly rose at 4:40 PM.