

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 28th February, 2023

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

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa), in the Chair

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(Sergeant at Arms distributes the papers to Hon. Members)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you Hon. Members who are giving the Sergeant at Arms the space actually to distribute the papers for easy follow.

PAPERS

Member, Budget and Appropriation Committee, (Hon. Caunda Lenamparasio): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. Hon. Speaker, I beg to table the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024. Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir.

Chair, Cooperatives Development, Trades, and Tourism Committee, (Hon. Kelvin Lemantaan): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I beg to table the Report on the Samburu County Youth, Women Enterprise Development Fund Bill, 2022.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Member, Budget and Appropriation Committee, (Hon. Caunda Lenamparasio): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to give a notice of the following Motion; THAT, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), the County Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Chair, Cooperatives Development, Trades, and Tourism Committee, (Hon. Kelvin Lemantaan): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I beg to give a notice of the following Motion; THAT, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), the County Assembly approves the Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development, Trades, and Tourism on the consideration of the Samburu County Youth, Women Enterprise Development Fund Bill, 2022. Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir.

MOTION

Member, Budget and Appropriation Committee, (Hon. Caunda Lenamparasio): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion; THAT this House debates

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and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Members, I now propose the Question THAT the House debates and approve the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024. Hon. Lenamparasio.

Member Committee on Budget and Appropriation, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and Pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders number 185 of the County Assembly of Samburu it my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly of Samburu the Report of the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024.

The Budget and Appropriation Committee is established under Standing Orders number 185 of the County Assembly of Samburu with the following mandates;

The functions of the Committee shall be;

- a) To 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 Assembly;
- c) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the Assembly;
- d) Examine Bills relate to the National Budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- e) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays

Honourable Speaker, in the view of the above observations, the Committee makes the following recommendations on the 2023/2024 Annual Development Plan;

- 1) The County Executive respect the legal timeline and submission of ADP to give the County Assembly sufficient time as provided in the section 129 (5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 to interrogate the document adequately.

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- 2) The County Executive should ensure that there is a realistic Budget in the Annual Development Plans and reduce the expenditure on Budgets to ensure that there would be reduced pending bills that accrue every Financial Year due to poor fiscal planning.
- 3) The sector working group (SWGs) to always engage with sectoral Committees in order to ensure that the plan is done within the set timelines.
- 4) The County Assembly approves the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024 pursuant to Provisions of section 126 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Thank you Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Silapia to second the Motion.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Members, the House is at leave to interrogate and ventilate before I put the Question. Hon. Leshimpiro.

MCA AngattaNanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Hon. Speaker I stand to support the Motion. I am a Member of the Budget and Appropriation Committee and as we know; the Annual Development Plan 2023/2024 is and extract of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) only that ADP is done annually, so we have five ADPs in the CIDP.

M. Speaker I am worried that we are debating on ADP of 2023/2024 and yet it has not been approved, I feel like we are discussing on how to handle a baby that has not been born; but however, the ADP 2023/2024 has been planned and brought forward to the Assembly with a lot of considerations putting in pace a number of things depending on our times at the moment.

Hon. Speaker as you are aware, our County is undergoing a severe drought at the moment that has lasted for past four years, so our ADP should have reflected on what measure we are putting in place to take care of our community in the event that it does not rain.

Secondly, our ADP2023/2024 should also consider the insecurity problem that our County is facing right now, the ADP will not have any meaning if our people are dying. That is the ADP we wish to see and approve. We also want to see this animal called pending bills being reduced. The National Government is putting a lot of emphasis on how to reduce it on their level but I do

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not know the amount of effort that they are putting as a County to reduce the pending bills, otherwise I support the Motion, thank you.

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Jeremiah Leitoro): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am happy today that you have not forgotten my name since last time you called me aka Hon. Loolpastai. Mr. Speaker you were not wrong; you are almost there but still my official name is Jeremiah Leitoro. I also stand to support the Motion. My only concern is on the implementation of this Annual Work Plan; at the end of the day we as the residents want to see something tangible that we can appreciate in terms of development.

I also request the Hon. Members to do their oversight role well to ensure that implementation of this Annual Work Plan should be something above 80%. This is because at the end of the day if we are here passing this Annual Work Plan and we do not do our oversight role well and what has been done is far below from even 40% then it will be shame to this Honorable House. With all those words I stand to say thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Silapia Lenamatio): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report and echo the sentiments of my colleagues who stood up to support the Motion. As we move forward we should also put measures in place to ensure this Annual Development is implemented. On procurement issues, we always behind just because of procurement. We know that procurement has stages because it is a process, we should do follow ups to our departments to make sure that the procurement process starts on time. I support the Motion and urge Hon. Members to wake up and do oversight, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Members, silence means that you have deliberated enough; having noted the concern of Hon. Paul Leshimpiro it is evident that we are trying to look back of the Annual Work Plan performance in 2021/2022 and that it has depicted on the first page, chapter 1 on 01 introduction that states, “This chapter provides the County Background information highlighting the planning scenario for the year 2023/2024 but when you look down on 11 on the Rationale for the preparation of the County Annual Development Plan, that rationale gives a five year plan as the Hon. Member has said on trying to see the outlook of the performance of our budget of the CIDP, of course he is not wrong.

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Maybe in a fortnight we will have our CIDP tabled and do a Public Participation. We also want to encourage our Finance Department to give us exactly like what he has said that what are the annual projections of 2022/2023 other than actually the reflection of 2022 performance going forward. That is well noted and we shall consider it. The beauty about this is that Hon. Leshimpiro is a member of the Budget Committee and we shall enhance that in our reports. Having listened to the Members, silence means that we have to put the question.

Hon. Members allow me to put a question that this House debates and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Annual Development Plan.

(Question put and passed)

Hon. Members, the time being seven minutes past three o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 9:00 am.