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The House met at 10:45 AM

[Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CONSTRUCTION OF WARD OFFICES

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Communication; Honourable Members this Communication is reference to the construction of Ward Offices. As you may be aware the Assembly through the County Assembly Service Board in line with the Assembly Strategic Plan, proposes to construct permanent Ward Offices across the 55 Wards. In this regard, Members are requested to identify appropriate Public Lands that are centrally located in their respective Wards. Honorable Members you are further advised to ensure that the identified Public Lands have all the requisite Legal Documents to facilitate this process. Kindly note that this information should be availed to the Clerk of the Assembly latest 6th June, 2023. Thank you. Next order.

PAPER

NAKURU COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET II OF 2022/2023

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There are Papers to be laid; there is a Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II of 2022/2023 from the Honourable Chairperson for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Honourable Speaker I wish to lay a Report for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II 2022/2023. I lay the Paper.

PAPER(S)

NAKURU MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE PAPER ORIGINAL ESTIMATES FOR 2023/2024 – 2025/2026.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU THIRD INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; there is another Paper, the County Government of Nakuru Medium Term Expenditure Framework Original Estimates, 2023/2024 – 2025/2026. It will be laid by Honorable Alex Langat, the Leader of Majority Party or any other Leader who has been delegated to that function. The Leader of Minority Party Honorable Wanjohi.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Honorable Speaker, I wish to lay two Papers; the first is the County Government of Nakuru Medium Term Expenditure Paper Original Estimates for 2023/2024 – 2025/2026. The second Paper is the County Government of Nakuru Third Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027. Honourable Speaker I lay the two Papers. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the two Papers are laid and the two Papers which are the Budget Estimates and Third Integrated Development Plan for the 2023/20227 are hereby committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. Chairperson take note.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

NAKURU COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET II, 2022/2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Procedural Motion by the Honourable Alex Mbugua, the Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to move the Procedural Motion that, that Notwithstanding, the provision of Standing Order 49 (5) (b), this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II, 2022/2023. Mr. Speaker sir, there are various reasons as to why we want these be expedited. You realise that so much lies ahead of this County, time has moved and we have workers who have not been paid and this House is deemed to move on recess soon and hence I would wish from the side of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations to move the Procedural Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): An Honourable Member to second that.

Hon. Peter Maina: Honourable Speaker, I am the MCA for Murindat and I would like to second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Procedural Motion; Notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 49(5) (b), this House resolves to debate the Report on the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II 2022/2023. The Motion is open for debate. The Honourable Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Honourable Speaker, I wish to support that we proceed with the Procedural Motion as presented by the Chairperson for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. The mood of the House is that you put the question so that we proceed with the debate. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; Chairperson is that the mood of the House?

Hon. Alex Mbugua: I want and wish to take this opportunity to start on the Report...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): I just wanted to confirm if it is the mood of the House that we put to question so that the Procedural Motion is passed; that is I wanted to confirm. Honourable Members I want to put it to question that, Notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 49(5) (b), this House resolves to debate the Report on the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II 2022/2023.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

NAKURU COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET II 2022/2023

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Motion by the Chairperson for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations

Hon. Alex Mbugua: I want to move a Motion that Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 210(6), this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II 2022/2023. Honourable Speaker, I wish that I go through the Report. This House gave the Committee on Budget and Appropriations some time a week ago to go through the Report that had been brought to this House from the County Executive wing and on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, and as required under Section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Orders 218, it is my pleasure to present to this House the Committee's Report on the second Supplementary Budget for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

Honourable Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is well constituted and has been given various mandates by this House under Standing Order 189 and its main mandate being-

1. Investigate, inquire into the Report on all matters related to Coordination, Control and Monitoring of the County Budget.
2. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the House
3. Examine the County Fiscal Strategy Paper presented to the House

Honourable Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 218, the Budget and Appropriations Committee examined and discussed the 2022/2023 Supplementary Budget and made recommendations considering the provision of Section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, County Government Regulations 2015 and Section 135 and 154 of the Public Management Act 2012. Through the examination, pursuant to Section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the Budget Estimates and related Documents for the County Executive and the County Assembly were submitted to the County Assembly.

In review, the County Supplementary Budget II for the Financial Year 2022/2023, the Committee took into consideration the views of the County Executive Committee Member for Finance.

Acknowledgement

Honourable Speaker, the Committee on Budget and Appropriations wishes to thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to it in the execution of its mandate as well as the Members of the County Assembly who participated in the process. The process has been tedious Mr. Speaker, but I want to appreciate that the Members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and your Office Honourable Speaker and that of the Clerk participated in giving us insight into preparation of this crucial documents for this County.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee also wishes to acknowledge the team from the County Treasury who appeared during the review process in time Mr. Speaker, and they gave the Members ample time in form of answering. It is therefore my pleasure and duty on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table this Report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

Overview

Honourable Speaker, this is the Second Supplementary Budget for the Financial Year 2022/2023 submitted to the County Assembly for review and scrutiny and pave way for the enactment for the Second Supplementary Appropriation Act of 2022/2023 and subsequently the second to be considered by the Third Assembly pursuant to Section 135 and 154 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

The Supplementary Budget Estimates seeks to appropriate a net additional amount of Kshs 100, 310, 218 which arises from revised Donor Funds and Grants as follows – DANIDA additional allocation of Kshs 11.6 million, World Bank National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Subject (NARIG) additional allocation of Kshs 95.7 million. World Bank National Agricultural Development Chain Development Project additional allocation of Kshs 70 million, Conditional Funds Kenya Urban Support Project (KUDP) additional of Kshs. 3.5 million. Interest earned in Nakuru City amounting to Kshs 18 million, Conditional Allocation from the World Bank Credit to Finance Locally Led Climate Action Program, County Climate Institution Support Level One additional allocation of Kshs 11 million. World Bank Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project 11, reduction of Kshs 100 million. Agricultural Sector Development Support Projects deduction of Kshs 10.5 million.

Honourable Speaker, the above funds have been summarised on the table in the document as indicated there which is on page 7. Honourable Speaker, it will be noted that the following County Revenue Sources were enhanced, DANIDA additional allocation of Kshs 11.6 million, World Bank National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Projects is an additional of Kshs 97.5 million and the order will continue up to note number (f), because I have covered them previously.

Conversely Honourable Speaker, the following Revenue Sources endured a reduction in the proposed funding- Conditional Funds, World Bank Kenya Informal Settlement went down by Kshs 100 million, Agricultural Sector Development Support Project went down by Kshs 10.5 million. It is imperative that we highlight a New World Bank Funding to the County of Nakuru factored in this Supplementary namely -The National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project. This allocation seeks to increase Market Participation and value addition for targeted farmers in select Value Chains in Project Areas.

Honourable Members, those from Agricultural Wards this project will build on the foundation in farmers Mobilisation, Productivity Enhancement, Climate Resilience, Water Management Initiatives and Digital Technologies laid by the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Projects. A total of Nine Value Chains that are Dairy, Poultry, Fruits, Bananas, Mangoes, and Avocado. Vegetables we have Tomatoes, Potatoes, Cottons, Cashew nuts. Herbiculture and Pyrethrum, those are the Sectors that will be dealt with in totality. 26 Counties have been selected for projects support based on their potential for inclusion and commercialisation ongoing investment in Value Chains.

Honorable Speaker, it is worth noting that this House is required to fully participate at the Ward Level and even at the Sub County Level on this, on the Legal Compliance of the Supplementary Budget II for the Financial Year 2022/2023. In the review, the Compliance of the Supplementary

Budget Estimates II for the Financial Year 2022/2023 to the provision of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the Committee established that the document had adhered to the Legal threshold set out in the Act as most of the information required has been provided. Honorable Speaker, Pursuant to Section 39(9) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, County Government Regulations 2015, that requires that in approving any estimates under Section 135 and 154 of the Act, County Assembly Approval shall not exceed 10% of the Approved Budget Estimates of a program of Sub -Votes unless it is for unforeseen and unavoidable need as defined in the Section 112 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Like previously we had the influence and the issue of Covid 19 within the Country. Honorable Speaker, the Supplementary Budget II for the Financial Year 2022/2023 is in compliance with the Fiscal Responsibility Principle in that the total Recurrent Expenditure stands at 60.7% while the Development Expenditure stands at 39.3% pursuant to Section 107(2) (b) of the PFM Act.

I will move to the summary of the Supplementary on page 11 of the 14. Honorable Speaker, the Supplementary Budget Estimates II for the Financial Year 2022/2023 seeks to realign the changes in the Donor and the Conditional Grants below as notable change is witnessed in the various Departments. Kshs 3 million for the operationalisation of the Molo and Gilgil Sub County installations of back up Solar System at the new Town Hall building and the Public Works building for and additional of Kshs 15 million. County Aggregation Centers and Industrial Parks Counterpart Funding of Kshs 100 million.

The Members will remember that when his Excellency the President visited Nakuru County, he asked Nakuru County to appropriate Kshs 250 million which he will counter appropriate from the National Government for the start of the Industrial Centers within Nakuru County and the Committee has started this initiative by ensuring that we have Kshs 100 million set aside for that. Construction of Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDs) facilities. We have gone through some of the projects that have stalled and most of the ECD centers within this County are in deplorable condition.

The Committee appropriated Kshs 13 million to try and get those facilities well taken care of across most Sub Counties and Ward level. Purchase and distribution of Pyrethrum of Seedlings to Farmers in Nakuru County at a tune of Kshs 12.5 million, Avocado promotion in the County at a tune of Kshs 15 million, Supply and delivery of Potato Seedlings to the Farmers in Nakuru to a tune of around Kshs 17.5 million.

It is worth noting that Agriculture has been well taken care of and let us maximise on the long rains that are happening.

There was an enhanced bursary allocation in Gilgil Ward of Kshs. 500 000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the County is directed to focus on ensuring completion of ongoing projects, with particular emphasis based on projects nearing completion to ensure that citizens benefit from such public investments as opposed to the starting of new ones. These projects span from hospitals that have stalled.

We have one in Maai Mahiu and others in Naivasha. We have one at PGH. Anything that has not been completed going all the way to Molo and Kuresoi, we have urged that in the coming budget, they should be appropriately funded for them to be operational.

2. There is concern of the poor performance in the collection of the own source revenue, that the County Treasury should investigate the underperformance of revenue and facilitate collection to ensure that the targets are met so that to avoid the physical risk caused by perpetual revenue shortfalls. The Ward projects must be prioritized and fast tracked to ensure they are timely completion. Further, the County to undertake an economic analysis of the need suitability of these projects to ensure that only optimal projects are undertaken.
3. The County is directed to submit detailed programs and projects for approval by the County Assembly on the following conditional allocation.
4. The county is further advised that the process of identification or privatization of the programs and projects under conditional allocation above must be done in participatory and all-inclusive manner.
5. The Accounting Officer of a County Government entity shall ensure that the personnel cost of all appointees as well as promotion and salary increase can be met with the budget allocation voted for by the County Government entity pursuant to Section 119 (3) of the Public Finance Management

Behind, you will get the table of various Departments, how the money was appropriated and my Members have approved that.

That is Supplementary Budget 2 and I wish to ask Hon. Njuguna to second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Chairman. Hon. Njuguna.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity and also to thank the Chairperson for articulating various issues that have been raised by this Supplementary 2.

This Supplementary 2 as enshrined in this Report has met the legal threshold that is required by the law and therefore, the Committee had no other business but to proceed to investigate whatever was brought by the Executive.

I would wish to draw the attention of the House on the issues of enhancement of the grants that have come to the County. The DANIDA grants usually go to the dispensaries and Level 3 Hospitals. There has been an outcry across the County that the workers in those facilities have not received their dues. This is cured through this Supplementary Budget by the enhancements of Kshs. 11,605,000 that will be going directly to make sure that as we conclude the Financial Year, the Department of Health will not have any arrears that are owed to the workers in those facilities. Therefore, we are assured that our dispensaries are going to perform better so that the people of this County can enjoy the services that they are going to receive.

If you look at the NALIC, we have a lot of stalled projects, including one at Molo; at the border of Kuresoi North and Molo Sub-County that is meant for cold room for potatoes in that region. I

believe that this allocation is there to make sure that those projects that are stalling as far as NALIC is concerned can be completed.

Also, late last year, we constituted Environmental Committee that was meant to look on the issues of environmental changes in our country and also in our county. Those funds that have already been allocated here and were not in the budget are currently here to make sure that those Committees can undergo some trainings and also go to the ground to check into the issues of environmental changes.

It was just yesterday that I saw in Kiamunyi that there are a lot of things that are happening as far as environmental issues are concerned and therefore it is a high time that this Supplementary Budget addressed such issues and I believe from now henceforth, the Members of the public will have a proper way of approaching issues concerning the environment.

On the issue of Departmental Budgets, we have seen that Her Excellency the Governor means business. If you look on the issues of pyrethrum, she has really enhanced on the issue of pyrethrum because we are competing with other Counties. Because Nakuru is meant to be the ambassador of pyrethrum, I have seen that the Department has been given enough to make sure that the Department of Agriculture is able to deliver and the citizens of this County will be able to draw revenue from such kind of ventures that the County is investing on.

On the issue of Industrial Parks, this County is aligned to the National Development Agenda of making sure that at least, these Industrial Parks are going to ignite the economic agenda of this Country and therefore, this Supplementary is aligned to that and I am sure that in the near future, Nakuru will be the main engine of the economy of this Country.

On the issue of avocados and other things, avocado is food; and is also addressing the issues of environment and therefore, this is the way to go. I therefore wish to request this House to be considerate of this Supplementary Budget so that we can save ourselves from these issues because if we do not pass this Supplementary Budget, time is not on our side. We are headed to recess. We will be coming back later on the month of June when we would be addressing the issues of the main budget of the next Financial Year; that is 2023/2024 and therefore, we do not have time and I request this House to be cognisant of the fact that we are just remaining with only 4 Financial Years but we minus one because the final year, we will not be able to address the issues that will be raised in the budget.

I therefore wish to second and request the House to pass this Supplementary Budget. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Member for Elburgon.

The Hon. Member for Murindat.

Hon. Peter Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I would like to support the Report on the Supplementary Budget but with one amendment and I will explain.

In the main Budget, Financial Year 2022/2023, there was an allocation of Kshs. 4.5 million for the construction of Ward Offices in Murindat, particularly in an area called Shokereria and the work was procured ...

(Point of order)

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Mr. Speaker sir, the Hon. Chair for Budget opened the Debate and the Hon. Member for Elburgon was seconding. The Debate is not open for discussion which now the Member for Murindat has preempted. Let us follow the procedure; we open the Debate so that we proceed.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you for that. Hon. Member, kindly be seated. Sorry for that.

(The Motion is that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 210(6), this House of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget 2 for the year 2022/2023).

Motion is open for Debate

Now you are properly on the floor.

Hon. Peter Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I think it is because the other issue was a little bit urgent for me and my people that is why I was a little bit agitated with that matter.

As I was explaining, the project was procured and competitively tendered and awarded to a contractor and three weeks ago, we did a site handover but in the cause of the contractor doing the work for some reasons, he withdrew and cited lack of enough resources. Therefore, the funds were supposed to be retained so that the work can be retendered.

Looking at this Supplementary Budget, the money has moved and therefore, I am pleading, with the support of the Members, we pass the Report with amendment that we have retained Kshs. 4.5 million so that work can be completed because the foundation has already been done and if not completed, we will be doing a de-service to the people of Shokereria.

Therefore, I would like to seek the support of the Members that we do the amendment because it is in line with one of the recommendations that has been done by the Committee on this paper. If you can allow me to refer to that recommendation by the Committee, it is that the County is directed to focus on ensuring completion of ongoing projects with particular emphasis placed on projects nearing completion to ensure that citizen benefit from public investments as opposed to starting new ones.

I therefore wish to make my humble submission. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member for Murindat, you know that process of moving an amendment on the floor we expected that 2 hours before this sitting you be able to have written to the Clerk for purposes of processing so that it does not come like new information before the House when the Report comes to the floor.

The reason for this is that if every Member would open, we would want to assume that they have a project that they needed done and then they open it at this point, the House would not be able to run in order. However, the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations through your Committee, that was one of the recommendations that you have written strongly so now you

may want to see how you take care of that but as far as the process and procedure for the House, you may not be able to discuss that amendment.

Hon. Member for Menengai.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the Motion as it touches on so many lines that need to be supported, mostly in line of ECDs where they have touched on the Sanitation area.

We have been having a very big problem on our ECDs whereby we have been having toilets going down and they have been a risk to our children. Also the issue of Industrial Parks, we have identified areas in Njoro at Egerton University whereby we shall put our Industrial Parks and they will go a long way in making the youth have the Cottage Industries and also in terms of value addition of our products that we are really trying to push to our farmers.

Also, in support of the Supplementary, we have the donor funding and this budget has really touched on how the funding will be utilised. In the former regime, we have been having the funding being utilised without the concept of the people who are being given the materials or the funding. As long as they have given the conditions that there must be a participatory and inclusive public participation, I find this issue very light and we are going to have the priorities being given to the funding.

In line with the subsidised material for avocado, pyrethrum and potato, this is the right time as the onset of the rains are here and as we pass this Supplementary, we would wish that this material be given out immediately so that our farmers can now do the planting as the rains are there. Otherwise, we may give out these materials when it is dry and it will be a loss to our County.

I support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Hassan and then Hon. Member for Mauche

Hon. Hassan Ali: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also wish to support this Supplementary Budget 2. If you go through the Report, something has really caught my eye; it is a National conversation. Something that as a County, we are very happy that the Governor has come out and really supported it. The issue of County Aggregated and industrial Parks. That is a National conversation. That is where employment is for the young people.

The other day, I was reading that KenGen in Naivasha is coming up with an Industrial Park. This is where our young people are going to get employment and we thank the Governor because she has seen it fit and supports these young people.

I would also wish to add that it is very important that every now and then, we should at least have money and create Industrial Parks in Nakuru, at least, in each Sub-County. This is something that will go a long way in creating employment to young people.

The other day, I also saw the Governor calling out that the Suppliers and Contractors should be paid. That is something that is also going to help because there are young people who have supplied

to the County Government and have not been paid. That is going well and it will support these young people at least to get something.

Last but not least, the issue of potato seedlings. We are all aware that the Government is now distributing subsidised fertilizers. We are having rains now. This will go a long way in supporting our farmers to at least plant their potato seedlings because it is the onset of the rains.

I wish to support this Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you.

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also stand to support this Motion on Supplementary Budget 2. I wish to thank the Committee on Budget for coming up with this budget which is going to support especially our farmers during this rainy season.

Right now, we have a lot of rains and avocado and pyrethrum which is very suitable for our County should be distributed on time so that the program becomes successful.

Looking at the budget, I also would like to raise some concern, especially about the Department that cuts across. Looking at the budget, I am not seeing funds committed to Disaster Management and Humanitarian Services.

This is a very important Department. We have had a number of challenges especially during the dry season. The County witnessed a lot of distractions emanating from fires and the Department of Fire Rescue struggled so much to put off the fires but the personnel there were not able to effectively do the work because they are not well equipped. They are not also well trained and the facilities are not sufficient. With the onset of rains, a number of Wards across the County have witnessed serious flooding.

Recently we had gaps that have been created by flood rain which is quite dangerous. We have had a number of lives lost especially in Eburu Mbaruk Ward where seven lives were lost and several other Wards have witnessed this problem. Looking at it...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member for Mauche and Chairperson for Disaster, in the main budget there should be amounts allocated for Disaster. There is a Vote for Disaster unless that is a new item then we do not have evidence whether in the Cabinet or during the preparation of the Supplementary that was presented but what you need to do as a Department is look and liaise with the Chief Officer to see whether the amount that was voted is sufficient to run emergency issues through the Financial Year. Unless maybe you have new information on that.

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand guided but the Department seems not be given the due seriousness it deserves. I seek the support of all the Members so that this Department can be given sufficient funds to enable it to discharge its mandate. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Keringet then Hon. Member for Subukia

Hon. William Mutai: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I stand to support this Report but then make some few observations and possibly recommendations for future and especially when we are

discussing a very crucial agenda like this. I am really surprised when I get the Report some few minutes before the Motion and that I do not get time to read even do exactly what you have urged Hon. Member for Murindati. There is an issue that I also felt I should have communicated some two hours before this debate and especially making some reference to overview point no. 2 (g) about the World Bank. Kenya Information Settlement Improvement Project that is (KISP 2). There is a project that was started in my Ward, Keringet Centre that was worth Kshs 38 million which has actually stalled and as you can see there was some reduction in the funding from the World Bank. Unfortunately, again you can see that the Committee is appropriating around Kshs 100 million which therefore means that most of the projects that will be undertaken once this Kshs 100 million has been allocated will not be completed.

As I support this Motion I still feel that there is a lot that should be done in future so that we are not found in a tight corner where we cannot make our own due and right recommendations to the House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Subukia.

Hon. Isabella Makori: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity to support this Motion. First I would like to congratulate the Budget Committee for the job well done. I am very passionate on Agriculture and I can see that it is well covered. Our people are not lazy but sometimes it is due to lack of funds and good support. I congratulate our Governor for considering our people with pyrethrum, potatoes and even avocados. When our people get the seedlings then in future something like hunger and lack of finances will be curbed and our youths will get jobs to do.

I urge the Executive to move with speed and take advantage of the long rains so that our people can also take advantage of it. I had done some enhancement on bursary and I communicated to the Office of the Budget but unfortunately it was not captured. I am humbly requesting your indulgence so that I do not do any injustice to my people of Subukia because in my office I have the forms that I had already allocated for the Kshs 500 000. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Shabaab.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Report by the Budget Committee and also congratulate the Budget Committee for the good work. Last week when this Report was being laid in this House, it was committed to the Budget Committee but as per our Standing Orders, the Paper was supposed to be shared to the Sectoral Committees so that they can go discuss it through to see how the Governor's Report is and see if it touches on different Departments. Hon. Peter Maina *wakati alisimama pale angepata hiyo Ripoti kama Chair wa Education...*

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of information Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is the information? Hon. Member for Shabaab have your seat.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, it will be erroneous for a Member to form an opinion that this Supplementary Budget was supposed to be committed to different Committees. Once a Document has been tabled, it is the responsibility of each and every Member to go the Clerk's at the Table Department and seek the Document that was brought.

Secondly, it is the responsibility of each and every Chairperson once a Document has been tabled to follow it up with Table Clerks' and to know what came. It is erroneous for people to form an opinion that the clerks should be following them to give them the Documents. If you look at our Standing Orders, it is not a requirement that once a Supplementary Budget has come it should be committed to the Committees. I believe that once a Communication has been made by the Chair every Member who is responsible or a Member who is concerned has the responsibility of following up with the clerks. I remember a Communication was given even to those Members who want to change their projects to go to the Clerk's Department or Department of Budget to make those concerns.

Finally, on the issues of Hon. Member from Murindat because it has also been raised, The Hon. Member did not follow the procedure and secondly those were not Ward fund. The Department knew what it was doing when it was asking for those monies through the Supplementary Budget. This is a budget that is aligning funds and if they will not be consumed then the County will lose because it will never be operationalised by the County. There are Condition Grants that have already been raised by this Report; those Condition Grants will remain in the accounts. They cannot be used because they have not been aligned or captured by our budget lines and that is why I want to inform the House and the concerned Member that there was no responsibility of any Committee to commit any Document to any person but it was the role of each and every Member to follow up for this Document. I beg to inform the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Shabaab.

Hon. David Wathiai: Mr. Speaker, when I rose to comment on the Report today I said that I support the Report. I do not know how the Hon. Member for Elburgon is reading the Standing Orders of this House. He is very learned but in *kama alisoma hiii kitabu* upside down...

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, it is wrong for a Member to raise a contradictory Statement. The Member is confused and he is confusing the House. Mr. Speaker....

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order! Members are not confused. Not at any given time.

(Laughter)

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: The Member wants to confuse the House by saying that I read the Standing Orders upside down. If I can read them upside down and understand them then that is my formula.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order! Hon. Member for Elburgon. Hon Members are not confused and they cannot be confused. They can also disagree or have a different opinion on a matter.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand guided. *Kama Mheshimiwa wa Murindat angepata hiyo Document mapema* within the two hours *angeweza kuandika hiyo* amendment *alikuwa anataka lakini hakupata hiyo nafasi kwa sababu* the Standing Orders were not followed as it is so I stand guided and pray that next time when the budget is coming the Budget Committee and your Office is going to guide as the way the Standing Orders are...

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Point of information Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is the information?

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): The information that I wish to pass to Hon. Member for Shabaab is that the Supplementary Estimates were tabled in this House last week on Wednesday in the afternoon so there was enough time for Hon. Member of Murindat to present his grievances. Thank you.

Hon. David Wathiai: Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Shabaab this is your last chance to submit your submissions.

Hon. David Wathiai: Mr. Speaker when I stood here earlier I said the same thing that our senior here said. The Paper was laid here last week. My problem is that it was committed to the Budget Committee directly but it did not follow the Standing Orders. As we see...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member you were informed. When the Hon. Member for Elburgon was informing the House, he gave the right information that whenever any Report of a Committee is tabled and especially a Report with monetary implication, it is deemed that the Report or any Paper has been committed to all the Sectoral Committees. It now becomes the work and the prerogative of the Chairperson for any Sectoral Committee to follow up and if there is any need to follow up with the mother Department to be able to understand what is been provided for in monetary figures that could have a basis in the future.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand guided.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. I would wish to close this by saying that the Hon. Member for Murindat has signed it. If you look at the last page no. 15 that is the Hon. Member for Murindat so he is in agreement with the Report. He is not contending but he is in agreement with the Report. The Hon. Member for Turi.

Hon. John Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the Report on Supplementary II because the Report is going to accord the County Government the opportunity to implement some of the projects that result as roll over in the last Financial Year due to insufficient funds which was brought about by the inflation prevailing in the Country.

Therefore as a result of this Supplementary II, the respective Departments shall be able to implement those projects. In the Supplementary Budget we have the promotion of Agriculture through the planting of avocado, pyrethrum as well as the potato seedlings which are the certified seeds which will enable our famers to increase in productivity as well as to earn a source of living.

The issue of the construction of sanitation facilities in our ECDE Centres is going to help our young children as well promote the issue of health in our facility.

Lastly there is the issue of value chain in the 26 Counties which is also in the Agriculture Department and as a result of the Supplementary II, the value chain is going to be implemented in the 26 Counties which is also going to increase the level of productivity as well the revenue source in our County.

Therefore I support and humbly request all the other Hon. Members to support the Supplementary II so that the County can move in speed. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Minority Whip. Then the Hon. Member for Menengai West.

The Minority whip (Hon. Virginia Wamaitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the Report. First of all in the overview no.2, this is part of what warranted this Supplementary II because you see the Supplementary Budget is meant to seek, appropriate and add additional amount of Kshs 100 million. This means that these grants came after we did Supplementary I, and we have to do Supplementary II which is this one now so that we can appropriate the additional amount we have been given as grants. The other thing is the absorption rate. In recommendation no. 3, we see the Ward projects must be prioritised. Right now very little is happening on the ground and as Hon. Member from Turi has said, there are some projects which had been rolled over in our Wards which did not have any allocation. Right now we are urging the County and the Departments to fast track the Ward projects so that we can have something happening on the ground.

Without this Supplementary II, some of the project will not be done. I want to urge the House that we pass this Supplementary II for us to also be on the safe side as far as absorption rate in the County is concerned. If nothing concerning the Ward projects is done, then the absorption rate for Financial Year 2022-2023 and projects which have not been done in the last years like 2021- 2022, 2022- 2023 will be very little meaning you will hear people saying that money has been taken back to the Treasury which is very wrong. I urge Members that we pass this Supplementary II for us also to have something going on in our Wards. Thank you.

Hon. Isaac Rottok: *Asante Bwana Spika Kwa kunipa hii fursa kukubaliana na huu mjadala wa leo wa kupitisha Supplementary II. Ni shukrani zaidi kwa sababu tumeona kwamba kuna sehemu ambazo miradi zilikuwa zimekwama kwa muda mrefu na kwa kupitisha hii Supplementary Budget tunaona zile miradi zitaweza kuendelea kufanyika kama mahospitali. Na pia mahali ningependa kugusia kwa upande wa ukulima ni kwamba wakati tunaenda wale procurement wanaenda kutengeneza hiyo budget ama kutenga hizo pesa upande wa agriculture, tunaona kwamba huchukua muda mrefu na wakati ambapo tutaenda kupanda hizo mimea kama avocado na maembe itakuwa pengine mwezi wa kumi ama kumi na moja. Na huo ni msimu ambayo tunaona huwa ni msimu unaelekea kuwa kiangazi. Tukiangalia miezi iliyopita, kuna avocado zilipeanwa pamoja na maembe na miche zingine lakini kwa sasa hatuna wakulima wanasema zilikauka na ningependa kuomba kwamba wakati wanapeana hela hizi waweze kupeana kwa haraka ili tuweze kuzipanda wakati tuko na mvua ya kutosha. Kando na hayo, tuko na shule ambazo ni za ECDE ambazo*

ziliyengwa zikamalizika na hata hawana dawati, hawana chochote pale na ninaamini kuwa chini ya uongozi wa Gavana wetu Susan Kihika ni kwamba tutaweza kuzifungua hizi shule hivi karibuni. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; before we adjourn, the last Member contributing is the Hon. Member from Mai Mahiu Hon. Kamau. Chairman there are issues raised by Members specifically about the matter for Murindat; the matter for Keringet that has been raised by the Hon. Member for Keringet. Hon. Chair, when you go to the overview, part (g) there is Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Projects which is the KISIP II; it has been reduced by Kshs. 100 million and then there is an addition that is part (b) the same overview, that the World Bank the NALIP project is allocating an additional Kshs. 95.7 million so maybe you will be advising whether KISIP II was to be used to do Agricultural Productivity Projects or maybe the Hon Members including the Hon. Member from Keringet will take advantage of part (b) and push their projects to the various Departments. So that was a contradiction sort of, and it is good to be clear. The Hon. Member for Maai-Mahiu.

Hon. Eliud Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First of all I would also like to commend the Committee for Budget and Appropriations for this Supplementary Budget. I would like us to look at recommendation no. 1 where they are talking about advising the Executive on completion of the stalled projects.

Mr. Speaker, we have so many projects that are stalled. For example, when I look at my Ward, I have a Level Four Hospital which has stalled for the last three years and nothing has been done and so I think if the recommendations of the Committee would be taken seriously by the Executive and they complete all the stalled projects, this Supplementary Budget will help us.

Mr. Speaker, there is one thing that at least I would like the House and the Committee to consider very critically. We have Municipalities that are coming up such as Gilgil and Molo. When you look at the main budget if I am not wrong, we allocated Kshs 10 million to each Municipality and now when you look at this Supplementary Budget, in my opinion I think something was to be done to both Gilgil and Molo because I do not think with Kshs 10 million there is not much that can be done and also if we do not enact them, they were given the Charter three years down the line and we cannot see anything being done.

So Mr. Speaker, I would wish if we look at what is given to Nakuru City I think we have been allocated Kshs 850 million and in this Supplementary Budget, although they have done something at Naivasha Municipality but also Mr. Speaker, they can pave way for other upcoming Municipalities. Something should be done so that the Budget Committee Chair as we go on, please let us take these upcoming Municipalities seriously so that we can develop Nakuru as a whole. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee you may respond.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I will start first with the Disaster Management. We have monies within the Disaster Department mainly within the Public Service and within the

Roads Department since the powers or the Executive Order had not been brought to this House for us to give them money as a Single Vote. Mr. Speaker sir, Her Excellency the Governor issues an Executive Order before we do a main budget; we shall be having all those Votes well aligned and we shall have enough money for each and every Department that is there.

For the case of Murindat, it is a case that arose from the Department where the projects originated from and you realise that Hon. PM sits within the Committee of Budget and that shows that there is no favoritism whether you sit in the Budget Committee or not. Appropriation happens equally and equitably among all Members. When a Department feels that there is a shift of goal and money, it is upon each Member to follow up on the budget because we have been given enough at our own Ward level whereby the Department there is no any interference. Mr. Speaker sir, I am also delighted because through your Communication, you ensured that we shall be having Ward offices at the Ward level and I advise Hon. Peter from Murindat to fast track on that because there is shortfall of revenue all across.

On the issue of Keringet, KISIP II, area MCA has indicated there is a transfer of Kshs 100 million which has gone to be part of the Industrial Park that the President requested that we put aside Kshs. 250 million. Other Counties within this Country have already started on the same. We have asked the Governor to ensure that various Committees are taken to these Industrial Parks maybe before we do the main budget so that they can understand the gist of these Industrial Parks. So Mr. Speaker sir, as we follow up on this on that part of Keringet, that is where the colossal amount went.

On the issue of Municipalities cited by Hon. Chege from Maai Mahiu, we have some of the future Municipalities and the moment we have tried functionalising the two Municipalities that is Molo and Gilgil, we have appropriated some money that these Municipalities will pick and I can tell Hon. Member Chege that in due time we shall do proper equalisation appropriating of money to all those Municipalities that require. I have listened to these Members and indeed they have got the gist of what this budget has and the nature of how it has been presented both at the County Assembly and the Executive. Because of time, indeed we had Members citing that in two or three years you will be getting that Nakuru County returned some of this amount of money back to the Treasury. It will be taken that these Members of County Assembly will not take any chance to hinder that whereas we have pending bills within this County that have not been sorted.

You find that Her Excellency the Governor committed to a tune of Kshs 1.8 Billion to settling the pending bills of various contractors. If we have this money moving around the Counties, we shall have the economy of Nakuru moving on in a better way. Mr. Speaker sir I appreciate these Members and the House and the time that you have granted me on this supplementary II. Those are my responses Mr. Speaker sir Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Chair, I now propose the question.

(Question proposed that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 210 6 this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Nakuru County Supplementary Budget II of 2022/23)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

HOUSE RESOLVES TO REDUCE THE PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THE NAKURU COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO. II OF 2023 TO ONE DAY

There is a Procedural Motion by the Hon. Alex Mbugua, the Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 119, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Nakuru County Appropriation Bill No. II of 2023 to one day.

Mr. Speaker sir, this Procedural Motion I wish to ask Members to support because as you have seen we have gone through this Motion and we have cited things that are pending before us. Mr. Speaker, most of the suppliers within this County are still loitering around this town not being paid because of the pending bills.

Mr. Speaker, in December last year, the Governor set out a Committee that will be investigating things that have not been paid. Mr. Speaker I know these Members of this House know people who have not been paid because of the transition of one Government to the other and we have workers who have also not been paid; currently under Environment Department, we have casuals who at the moment and at the end of this month they might not receive any amount from the coffers. We have workers within the County Government of Nakuru whose even the NHIF, another remittance at different organs of the Government has not happened.

We also have the budget timelines and we know very soon we are supposed to be committing ourselves in the next budget and hence we do not want to move this. This Hon. Members will be going on a recess; I want the work of Nakuru County not to stall and this Vote is going to serve *wananchi* at Ward level. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I wish to move that Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. You want to invite a Hon. Member to second

Hon. Alex Mbugua: I will invite Hon. Member Virginia to support.

Hon. Virginia Wamaitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Procedural Motion

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Members there is a Procedural Motion.

That notwithstanding the provision the standing order 119, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Nakuru County Appropriation Bill No. II of 2023 to one day

The Motion is open for debate. The Hon Member for Nakuru East.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the Motion for the reasons cited. It is true that most of our Members or *wananchi* are suffering due to the unpaid pending bills and even the perception outside there is that the County Government is not working due to lack of funds. It is right time and in order so that we can expedite the working of the Government given that we are in the last month of the Financial Year. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon Member for Elburgon.

Hon. Njenga Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is just a month ago when the Hon. Member for Malewa came to me and told me the Medical staff are not covered enough; they go to hospitals and are turned away for lack of sufficient funds in their NHIF Kitty. All the contracted and staff in the County usually receive an additional funds from the County so that they can be able to operate sufficiently in the County or they can perform to the maximum as they work for us in the County.

However, that has been complicated due to lack of funds and I believe this Supplementary Budget is going to take care of that. Therefore I usually say that if we continue delaying service delivery or justice, we will deny people a lot of things. Therefore what we are requesting is that time is of essence and time is very important. Now that the other activities in the course of the week and next week I also believe will be gazetting this thing belatedly, I would wish to request that we move with haste to make sure that the publication time has been shortened so that those people going to the hospital as workers of this County will be offered those services. Those people seeking other services may be able to be paid on time before the Systems start shutting down.

Therefore, I wish to request the House to agree with the Committee on this Procedural Motion of shortening the period so that we can move forward. Also due to time and it is already 12 pm I would wish that you put a question to the Motion so that we can move so that this document can be taken to Nairobi for publication and as we come back in the Afternoon Sitting, we can be assured that things will be flowing in the right direction. Thank you Mr. Speaker, as you consider that.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Member for Elburgon. I will proceed to put a Question

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

BILL(s)

THE NAKURU COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION NO. II BILL OF 2023 *(First Reading)*

The Chairperson Committee of Budget and Appropriations take note of that, The Bill has been committed to your Committee for onward processing.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members this House stands adjourned to today 2.30pm

The House rose at 12.10pm

