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House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Good afternoon Honourable Members, I want to request under Standing Order No. 32 (2) that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): The Deputy Whip, could you please confirm if we have the quorum.

The Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, we have the quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Madam Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Members, I have a communication from the acting City Manager on the Formalization of the Semi-autonomy of the

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City of Kisumu and I read; following the resolutions of the Kisumu County Assembly approving the Local, Physical Land Use Development Plan and recent recognition of Kisumu City as the global intermediary city, thus positioning it for the massive development and orderly planning. Please note that the County Government of Kisumu is desirous of gazetting the City of Kisumu as a semi-autonomous agency in order to facilitate financial and operational efficiency.

Kindly find the enclosed extracts of minutes communicating resolutions of the joint meeting between the Governor, City Board and Kisumu County Executive Committee meeting dated 05th October, 2022 vide minutes No. JV/QM/07/10/5/2022 and 22nd June, 2022 minute No. KCB/FB/12/6/22/2022 to set up the City of Kisumu as a Semi-autonomous agency of the County Government.

The purpose of this letter is to seek the indulgence of the Assembly through the Leader of Majority to present a motion on the foregoing resolutions for considerations and approval of the County Assembly. Thank you. Signed by Abala Wanga. The Ag. City Manager.

Honourable Members, I want to direct that the Office of the Leader of Majority to act on this letter as appropriate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON ITS CONSIDERATIONS OF THE COUNTY REVENUE EXPENDITURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH OMIENO

CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon. Joachim Oketch Omieno, Chairperson, County Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Omieno (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, I wish to move a motion on the Kisumu County Revenue Expenditure for the financial year 2021/2022.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, The annual revenue statements is prepared and submitted to the Assembly pursuant to Section 165 (4) of the Public Finance Management Act No.

18 Of 2012 that provides that the same be submitted not later than two months after the end of each financial year by the receiver of revenue. Pursuant to Section 165 (4) of the PFM Act 2012, the revenue statements are supposed to be prepared and submitted to the County Assembly by the designated receiver of revenue for the County Government. Consequently, Section 157 of the PFM Act provides for the designation of the receivers of County Government revenues by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance. The receiver is expected to be responsible for the collection, recovery and accounting for all revenue by the County Government.

The statements is expected to present details of all waivers and variations of taxes, fees or charges granted by the receiver during that year with specifics on;

- i. the full name of each person benefiting from the waiver or variation;
- ii. the amount of tax, fee or charge affected by the waiver or variation;
- iii. the year to which the waiver or variation relates;
- iv. the reasons for waiver or variation; and (e) the legislation in terms of which the waiver was authorized.

The revenue statements were submitted to the County Assembly and is indicated to have been received on 14th October 2022. This is contrary to the requirements of Section 165 (4) that provides that the same should be submitted to the Assembly not later than 2 months after the end of each financial year. Therefore revenue statements ought to have been submitted to the Assembly by end of August 2022 thus being 2 months late in submission. The County Government did not therefore comply with the law.

1.2 Committee Mandate

Hon Speaker, The Committee on Budget and Appropriations is established pursuant to Standing Order No. 189 of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders and is mandated to;

- 1) investigate, inquire into and 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 County Assembly;
- 3) examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;
- 4) examine Bills related to the County Government budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- 5) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

1.3 Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker, the following are the members of the committee as currently constituted;

Table 1: Budget Committee Members

No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Hon. Joachim Oketch	Chairperson

2.	Hon. Seth Okumu	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon. Nereah Okombo	Member
4.	Hon. Boitone Ratib	Member
5.	Hon. Kennedy Ooko	Member
6.	Hon. Moses Ochele	Member
7.	Hon. Seth Kanga	Member
8.	Hon. Jenipher Obonyo	Member
9.	Hon. Vincent Jagongo	Member
10.	Hon. Habil Nyasuna	Member
11.	Hon. George Abaja	Member
12.	Hon. Lumumba Owade	Member
13.	Hon. Carren Odhiambo	Member
14.	Hon. Reuben Rakwach	Member
15.	Hon. Pamela Oyoo	Member

Source: Selection Committee Report, Oct. 2022

Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker, On behalf of the committee on Budget and Appropriations I wish to thank the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk for the support during the legislative processing of this report. I also thank the Committee Secretariat for the technical support and input in making this documentation a reality.

Hon. Speaker, It is now my pleasant duty and privilege to submit this report to this House for consideration and approval.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Hon. Speaker, the Annual Revenue Statements is prepared pursuant to the following legal framework;

- 1) Section 157 of the PFM Act which provides for the designation of the receivers of County government revenues by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance.
- 2) Section 165 (4) of the PFM Act 2012, which provides that the revenue statements are prepared and submitted to the County Assembly by the designated receiver of revenue for the County Government. It provides further, that the county receiver of revenue is responsible for the collection, recovery and accounting for all revenue by the County Government.
- 3) Section 165 (4) of the Public Finance Management Act No. 18 Of 2012 which provides that the revenue expenditure statements be submitted to the County Assembly not later than two months after the end of each financial year by the receiver of revenue.

ANALYSIS OF THE REVENUE EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS FOR FY2021/2022

Hon. Speaker, in this section of the report, the committee analyzed the revenue expenditure statements and noted the following;

Own Source Revenue

Hon. Speaker, the own source revenue constitutes all revenue collected from local sources by the County Government from the revenue streams derived from the division of functions as provided for in the 4th schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

The performance of own source revenue collections in the FY2021/2022 is reported at a total of Kshs. 1,199,145,037 against a budget figure of Kshs. 1,984,000,013 thus making a 60% OSR performance.

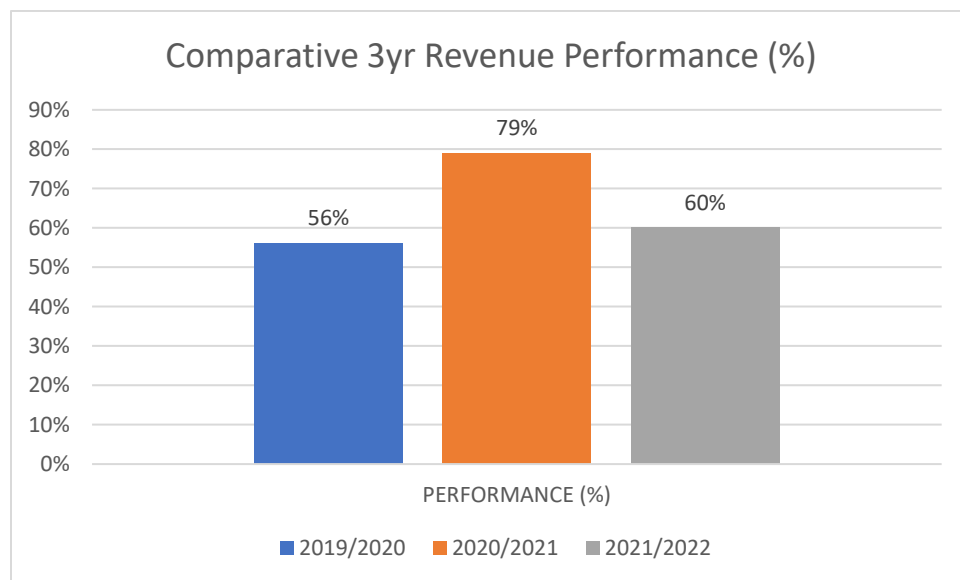
Below is a comparative illustration of revenue performance for the FY2019/2020, FY2020/2021 and FY2021/2022 measured against the budgeted targets for the respective years;

Table 2: Illustration of own source revenue performance for the FY2019/20, FY2020/21&FY2021/2022

FY	BUDGETED REVENUE TARGET (KSH)	ACTUAL REVENUE COLLECTED (KSH)	PERFORMANCE (%)
2019/2020	1,438,478,604	804,387,072	56%
2020/2021	1,579,179,106	1,248,063,960	79%
2021/2022	1,984,000,013	1,199,145,037	60%

Source: Kisumu County Government Revenue Statements FY2021/2022

Table 3: Illustration of comparative 3year revenue performance (%)



Source: Analysis by Research Department, Nov 2022

This shows that revenue collection in Kisumu County increased from 56% in FY2019/2020 to 79% in FY2020/2021 but further dropped drastically by 19% from 79% performance in FY2020/2021 to a low of 60% in FY2021/2022. This contributes to an actual loss of Kshs. 48,918,923 in local revenue collection.

Reasons advanced for decrease in revenue collection in the FY2021/2022 include;

1. Impact of restructuring of central business district (CBD) on small scale businesses and parking slots
2. Hard economic situations that are not favorable for small scale businesses leading to closure of several businesses
3. Court cases on the valuation roll leading to restrictions in payment of rates

However, it is important to note that despite the justifications fronted for the drastic decrease in revenue collections in FY2021/2022, the committee should note that the FY2019/2020 and FY2020/2021 had even more serious economic challenges owing from the peak of the impact of covid-19 its related containment measures on businesses. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, the own source revenue collection still remained higher and beyond the targeted budget in FY2020/2021 at 79% better than the 60% collected during the year under review.

3.2 OSR as a share of Total disbursements to the CRF account for the FY2021/2022

Hon. Speaker,

The table below shows the contribution of OSR to the total CRF account in comparison with other sources of revenue such as grants, and equitable share in each quarter of FY2021/2022;

Table 4: Illustration of the contributions of OSR to revenue basket per Quarter in FY2021/2022

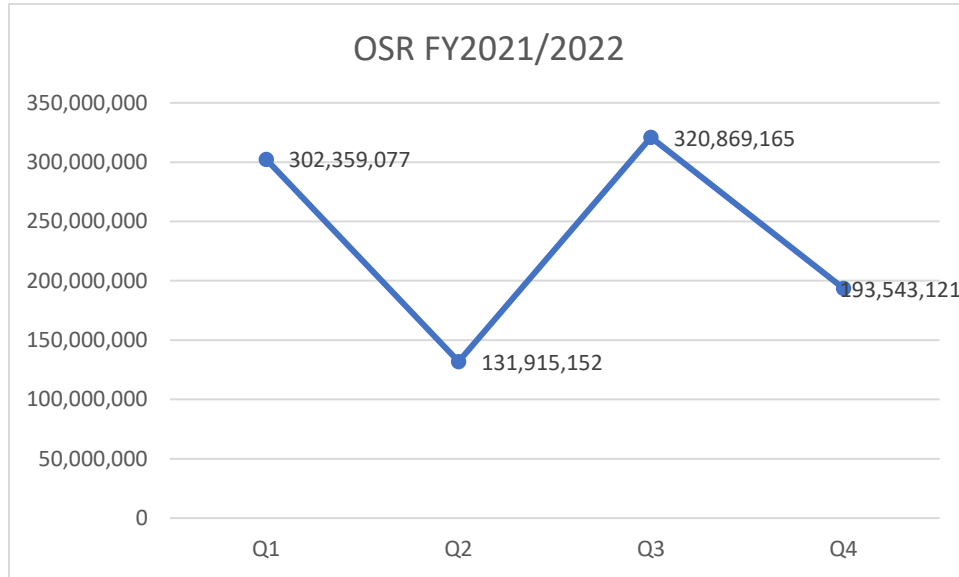
QUARTER	OSR	EQUITABLE SHARE	GRANTS	TOTAL
Q1	302,359,077	642,091,139	114,359,020	1,058,809,236
Q2	131,915,152	2,006,534,809	2,999,000	2,012,532,809
Q3	320,869,165	1,324,312,974	-	1,645,182,139
Q4	193,543,121	2,728,887,341	245,808,106.30	3,168,238,568.30
TOTAL	948,686,517 12%	6,770,048,098 84%	363,166,126.30 4%	8,081,900,741 100%

Source: County Government Revenue Statements for FY2021/2022

The illustration indicates that during the year under review, a total of ksh.8,081,900,741 were disbursed into the CRF account with OSR contributing only 12% of the total, while equitable share contributed the highest amount in the CRF at 84%. The County only received a 4% of the total revenue inform of grants.

Further below, is an illustration of the trend of County OSR performance per quarter during the year 2021/2022;

Table 5: Graphical illustration of OSR performance in the 4 quarters in FY2021/2022



Source: Analysis by Research Department, Nov 2022

This shows how own source revenue performance has been fluctuating during the 4 quarters with Q1 registering a pretty good performance but which was encountered by deep drop in collections in Q2. Consequently, Q3 had the highest revenue collection but the same drastically dropped during Q4.

However, the County Government revenue department has not provided comprehensive justifications for the fluctuating trends in OSR performance as well as adequate strategies to streamline OSR performance to be on the increasing trend.

Performance of Individual Revenue Streams

Hon. Speaker, the table below illustrates a comparative outlook of performance of the individual revenue streams during the FY2020/2021 and FY2021/2022;

Table 6: Tabular representation of revenue performance per revenue stream in FY2021/2022

	REVENUE STREAM	2021/2022 KSH.	2020/2021 KSH.	VARIANCE
1.	Cess	12,126,727	15,132,613	(3,005,886)
2.	Land/ Poll Rate	97,322,161	131,977,762	(34,655,601)
3.	Single Business Permits	174,027,421	180,419,311	(6,391,890)
4.	Property rent	18,176,177	24,766,887	(6,590,710)
5.	Parking fees	159,818,700	188,575,320	(28,756,620)

6.	Market fees	59,712,919	67,223,506	(7,510,587)
7.	Advertising	123,654,332	106,350,456	17,303,876
8.	Hospital fees	452,052,685	313,213,516	138,839,169
9.	Public health service fees	4,271,630	71,526,600	(67,254,970)
10	Physical planning and development	26,841,190	96,748,603	(69,907,413)
11	Hire of county assets	906,200	1,025,100	(118,900)
12	Conservancy and administration	1,323,590	1,124,120	199,470
13	Administration control fees and charges	18,500,000	1,477,530	17,022,470
14	Park fees	-	15,375,955	(15,375,955)
15	Other fines, penalties and forfeitures	222,801	-	222,801
16	Miscellaneous receipts (depts.)	50,188,513	33,126,681	17,061,832

Source: Analysis by the research department. Nov, 2022

The illustration shows that out of the 16 revenue streams, only six (6) streams registered a positive variance in revenue collections denoting an increase in revenue in FY2021/2022 from what they collected in FY2020/2021. The streams that had increases in revenue collections are; Advertising, hospital fees, conservancy& administration, administration control fees & charges, other fines & penalties and miscellaneous receipts.

All the remaining 10 revenue streams registered negative variance in revenue collections if what they collected in FY2020/2021 is compared to what they collected in FY2021/2022.

However, the County Revenue department has not provided any justifications for the widespread drop in revenue collections in almost all the revenue streams and strategies for possible rejuvenation.

Contributions to Development Objectives (CIDP& ADP)

Hon. Speaker, the revenue expenditure statements submitted by the executive does not have details on progress the County Government has made in attaining the development objectives of the Annual Development Plan (ADP). Moreover, it indicates that out of all the objectives set out in the CIDP, the revenue statements shows that the County Government has not met any; unmet revenue targets, unmet targets of equitable share that was set to increase, unmet target for grants and donations.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Hon. Speaker, based on the foregoing analysis of the County Revenue Expenditure Report for the FY2021/2022, the committee makes the following observations;

1. THAT contrary to the requirements of Section 165 (4) the County Government did not comply with the law on the timelines of submission of the revenue expenditure statements FY2021/2022 to the County Assembly.

2. THAT contrary to the provisions of Section 165 (2, b) of the PFM Act 2012, the receiver of revenue has not disclosed revenue in arrears for the FY2021/2022 and yet revenue streams such as land rates are ordinarily prone to falling in areas
3. THAT there was no reporting of revenue collected from annual business permit fees for the year under review as well as the previous FY 2020/21. Other streams that registered no reports on collection of revenue during the financial include but not limited to; cess fees collection from fish farming & mining & sand harvesting, Plot rents, Stalls/ kiosks rent, Motorbike fees (boda boda), Tenancy agreements, Hawking fees, Branding, Signages, Road shows, Banners, Posters, Street pole/ clock advertising, Level 4 hospital fees & Inspection for insurance of hygiene license, Vaccination: yellow fever, typhoid etc, amongst other revenue streams.
4. THAT pursuant to Section 159 of the PFM Act 2012 and Article 260 of Constitution of Kenya 2010, the County Government of Kisumu gave out a total of Kshs. 1,738,898 in revenue waivers and variations during the FY 2021/2022.
5. THAT In terms of quarterly outlook of performance of own source revenue performance in the 4 quarters during the FY 2021/2022, the collection was not stable and kept fluctuating with Q1 registering a pretty good performance, a deep drop in collections in Q2 and higher collection in Q3 and a drastic drop during Q4. This requires sustainable and steady strategies.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, based on the foregoing analysis and observations on the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the financial year 2021/2022, the Committee makes the following recommendations;

- 1) THAT the County Assembly approves the County Revenue Expenditure Report for the FY 2021/2022 on the following conditions;
 - i. THAT the County Receiver of Revenue develops and submits to this House, within 30 days, a comprehensive revenue collection enhancement strategies that can ensure sustainable and steady increase in revenue collection.
 - ii. THAT the County Receiver of Revenue immediately fast-tracks the court cases derailing the formulation of and implementation of the County Valuation Roll and pursues any dispute resolution mechanisms aimed at resolving the contentious issues raised by the stakeholders.
 - iii. THAT the County Receiver of Revenue immediately makes necessary budgetary plans in the FY2023/2024 for the mapping of and development of a comprehensive Kisumu County Business Directory – a business data-base detailing all revenue streams and individual number of businesses per stream in order to facilitate revenue projections, target setting and planning.

- 2) THAT the County Receiver of Revenue improves on the revenue reporting system for the next reporting cycle in order to make it more comprehensive with regards to provision of information on; contributions of all revenue streams to the OSR, contributions to the development of agenda of the County and adequate and evidence-based information on viable justifications for underperformance and strategies for enhancement of collections.
- 3) THAT the County Attorney conducts an audit of the County Local Revenue Policy with an aim of identifying, documenting and submitting to this House, within 14 days, all requisite subsidiary legislations and laws that are required to support own source revenue enhancement strategies with specific action points and strategies for their enactment.

COMMITTEE NOTES ON THE REVENUE EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

1. There should be comprehensive explanations for the Revenue of Kshs 34 million from payroll.
2. There should be a breakdown on departmental contributions to revenue basket. May I call upon Hon. Seth Okumu to second?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Seth Okumu, Vice-chairperson, Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations.

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Sammy, Hon Okumu is not a stranger in the House. He is an Honourable Member representing East Seme Ward and the Vice Chair, Budget and Appropriations Committee. Thank you

Honourable Members, a Motion on the Adoption the Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Statements for the FY ended 30th June, 2022 has been issued by Hon Joachim Oketch Omieno and seconded by Hon Seth Okumu, I propose a question that the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Statements for the FY ended 30th June, 2022 be open for debate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon Nyaoke.

Hon Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyaoke Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for this opportunity. What caught my eye Madam Speaker is on page 7 of the document? First, I must thank you for making hard copies available. This is a very important move as it suggests that you take our requests seriously. Madam Speaker, on Page 7 on the analysis of the Statements for the fiscal year 2021/2022, particularly on Own-source Revenue OSR).

Madam Speaker, collection of revenue is a very important component for any government, be it national or county. Therefore, the policies for revenue collection should be stringent so that we squeeze as much as revenue as possible and ensure we optimize on it. Looking at table 2, and the comparison that has been read by the Chair, particularly for the FY 2019/2020. Even that 56 per cent still we cannot say is a good percentage to work with. There was good trial in FY 2020/2021 where the performance went to about 79 per cent. However, something happened and it dropped to 60 per cent Madam Speaker. This is a worrying trend and I would request the House to take this report seriously as we adopt it so that the recommendations put forth by the committee must be actionable.

Madam Speaker, going forward, the collection of revenue in this county is what will lead to further development. If we let it go down, and I don't expect it to be that so, because any downward trend will lead to our fall. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes, Hon Oiko Pete!

Hon Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. This is the first time we are seeing this kind of Report in the Floor of the Assembly. We are seeing how money was collected from the county government, comparison made with two other previous years. This is certainly a good trend. I wish we continue this way.

Madam Speaker, when I look at this record FY 2020/2021 that was the time the COVID-19 pandemic was at its peak and from the best of my memory, during this financial year, the picture we had, the collection was very poor. I wish we could have previous records for comparison so that we could authenticate this record. All the same, let us look at what has been presented to members. On page 7, we are given comparison for three financial years that the collection for own-source Revenue was very high in FY 2020/2021. If it was so, then that is a credit.

Madam Speaker, moving to FY 2021/2022, we are given figures of the actual revenue collected totaling to Kshs 1,199,145,037.00 (One billion, one ninety-nine million, one forty- five thousand and thirty- seven). That is the figure we have been given on page 7 as Own Source Revenue (OSR). On page 9, look at the table, Own Source Revenue (OSR). On this table, I wish we could also have the other figures for the three years for comparison, which is not given. Let us look at the OSR for FY 2021/2022. The figure given is Kshs 948,686,517.00 (Nine hundred and forty-eight million, six hundred and eight- six thousand, five hundred and seventeen), which we are given as 12 per cent of the collection. When you check with page 7, it is Kshs 1,919, 145,037.00 (One billion, one ninety-nine million, one forty- five thousand and thirty- seven). Madam Speaker, these figures do not tally and are inconsistent.

Madam Speaker, on Equitable Share. We could have been given the total equitable share that was expected from the Exchequer. What we have been given is 6.7 billion which is 84.00%. How much is the 16.00 per cent left? When it comes to Grants. We received 4.00% four per cent. What was

the total grant expected? These are figures which are missing making it difficult for us to give a good conclusion of what OSR was. When we compare page 7 and page 9, and also when we go to page 11 on the Revenue Streams; it is from No.1 to No. 16 and one would wonder if the revenue streams for own source revenue are only 16 and the addition from No.1 to No. 16, what is the total? I hope the House Committee will improve on this in the next record but the picture given here is that if Kshs. 1,199,145,037 was the actual money that was received, why is that figure not reflected on page 9? I beg to submit.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Pete.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Yes, Hon. Mildred Ajumbo, Member representing Central Seme.

Hon. Ajumbo, (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the Committee on Budget...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Ajumbo, for the purposes of Hansard, kindly use your microphone.

Hon. Ajumbo, (MCA, Central Seme): The microphone is working Madam Speaker, or is it not?

Hon. Ajumbo, (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you once again Madam Speaker. I want to say that the Committee on Budget and Appropriations did a lot of work and I want to support the work they did, although we still have a lot of work that needs to be done as a House Committee. I can see the totals and I’m worried about the Own Source Revenue, which is very low. Madam, Speaker, when you look at it and comparing the years under review, it is unfortunate some of us are receiving it now on our phones and trying to interrogate through. Madam Speaker, I don’t have the hard copy and I hope it will be provided in future so that we can speak from the paper because it’s easier than going through my phone which keeps jumping. I want to say that the revenue which was not disclosed in page 13...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Ajumbo, I want to confirm that there were hard copies but I’m being told they were few and you might have missed out. However, a copy is being handed to you right now for your perusal.

Hon. Mildred Ajumbo, (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you once again Madam Speaker, I won’t talk much because I really don’t have much. Nevertheless, I’m on page 13, item No. 3 and I would like what the committee did by reporting that the Annual Businesses that were not captured in the report and it is very well captured. I want to congratulate the committee on that. Thank you, Madam Speaker, next time when I have the hard copy...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Ajumbo.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon. James Omollo.

Hon. James Omollo, (MCA West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to commend the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations because they have really tried bringing this report together while doing a comparative analysis with the previous ones and I see they are really doing well.

Madam Speaker, interacting with this document can enable you to see the trends we have in our Own Source Revenue collection. It is not consistent but I believe that in their recommendations, the Committee could have included a few areas that need to be advanced. Madam Speaker, in FY 2019/2020, we were greatly hit by Covid-19 pandemic, which gives the justification of low revenue of Kshs 804, 387,000 was realized. The following year of FY 2020/2021, we started gaining momentum and projected Kshs. 1.5 billion against a collection of Ksh.1.2 billion, which was good. However, I am worried about FY 2021/2022, where we projected Kshs. 1.9 billion but only managed to realize Kshs. 1.1 billion. There is something certainly something wrong there because, with the projection we had of Kshs. 1.9 billion, having factored this in in the budget of FY 2021/2022, that kind of a miss and only realization of only 60% several items majorly on development really could not be implemented.

So, as we move forward, I would wish that we enhance our revenue collection streams. I would really wish that we go digital in the revenue streams that we have in this County so that we can capture everywhere and in real time so that we will be able to manage and check how we are collecting on a real-time basis. I am very sure that we are losing a lot in terms of revenue because of how cash is handled in some revenue streams, which is really giving us this kind of headache. If the County could invest in ICT to capture revenue, it is my belief that we can go past Kshs 2 billion because Kisumu is a big city.

Madam Speaker, in terms of Traders. Some have refused to go to their recommended places where we took money for construction of various markets such as ‘Chichwa, Uhuru Market, which are still empty. We need to put traders in those structures which have already been built, so that we can have somewhere to collect revenue from. I believe that they are still scattered everywhere around the city but if we have designated places to trade in then, there is no need for these traders to be scattered everywhere but to be compelled by the city to be in the markets.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to Cess. We are doing poorly, and those areas need to be enhanced. It is only through Own Source Revenue that we can grow as a County but, if we don’t stamp our feet down on this, then we will still be getting this same trends every time. On the quarters if you check for instance the FY 2021/2022, we did so well in the Quarter 1 to Quarter 3. I know for a fact that in the first quarter of every year between January to April, the businesses renew their Trade Licenses and I wish that this process could be continuous in terms of enforcement so that we do not have that sharp drop in the second and fourth quarter. There are traders who go without

paying their levies for a whole year because if they can't be captured in the second, third and fourth quarter, they will just go without paying Property Rates that they ought to be paying.

Madam Speaker, I do not have much to say but I would want to commend the Committee of Budget and Appropriations and if these recommendations which are captured so well can be communicated to the relevant departments and ensure that follow-up on these recommendations given by the Committee is complied with because the recommendations provided are really good and if implemented, they can make a great improvement in the collection of revenue especially roadshows, burners, posters, clock adverts. If we aren't getting revenue from all these streams as they have recommended, we need to enhance this to ensure a robust collection streams so that we can get good money. As I conclude Madam Speaker, I believe that we will have a Finance Bill that is soon to be tabled and expected to be committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I would really request that we stamp our authority to enable us get the revenues that this County deserve. We deserve over Kshs 2 Billion per annum. By collecting Kshs 1.1 Billion as was the case during the last Financial Year is not doing justice to this county. We need revenue to move, thank you Madam Speaker and I support the report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you. Hon. Emily.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I would like to commend the Budget and Appropriations Committee for this wonderful report tabled today. Although, if you look at the observations made by this Committee on the Expenditure report, you will notice that they discovered that there were undisclosed revenues in arrears. If you come to the recommendations, I feel the committee was a bit lenient. This is because with the recommendations provided, I believe that we are setting a trend and if we do not start it at this point by giving recommendations on how to change the current situation, then I do not believe that we are able to solve this. Currently, if you look at the revenue collection of the County of Kisumu, it actually puts Kisumu in a very bad position considering the wage bill. The Kisumu County Wage Bill is at 54% which is very poor. I know it relies on the total amount of revenue collected by a County. The leniency part of the recommendations comes up by giving them room for presenting their future plans for the next Financial Years yet we have undisclosed revenues in arrears which have not yet declared. I feel it should have been added to the recommendations so that the officers in charge are able to bring in the arrears which were not disclosed. Otherwise, that is my observation in this report. So far, I believe the committee did a good job and I support it, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Kelvin Oraro, Member representing Kolwa Central.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I do not know whether to say the committee did a good work, because for me, there are a lot of things that are missing and

I would like the Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee that given another opportunity, he should try to dig out on issue pertaining to revenue through research. I believe that we are failing because we do not want to live in reality. We have the City and other Sub-counties. The Governor established new towns like Kombewa and other towns. When you talk about revenue, proper analysis should be done so that so that we focus on some of the areas where we expect a lot to be done.

Madam Speaker, my school of thought is that, I believe that some of the issues that have contributed to poor revenue collection is the issue of merging the city then hence making the revenue department to be just an umbrella without trying to target major areas. Remember, the city before devolution and by the time we joined the First Assembly, it was doing very well in terms of revenue collection. Ten years later, we are seeing things that do not add up. Remember, there are people who are employed to help the Governor collect revenue. Since there is no proper supervision, they have been taking the leverage. For that reason, if you look at the revenue stream, you will notice a blanket and if you want to go into the details, not even the Budget and Appropriations Committee will tell you. For instance, if I ask the Chairperson concerning the Parking Fees here or even in Ahero town, Katito and other places, do they even charge fee? Do we get money from those places? As a committee, we must try to analyze deeper so that we even grill the soon to be Revenue Board to be constituted in the near future. Madam Speaker, how I wish that the committee would try to figure out and realize that it is only the city that is contributing to the major revenue that we get. What about Kombewa and Holo Market? I normally see revenue collectors there. Can we have a report informing this House about other Sub-counties and their contribution towards revenue collection and in any case the County is planning to collect more revenue, what strategies do they have in various Sub-counties that can help this County.

Madam Speaker, remember that today we have accepted and from the Governor's speech by agreeing that we are going to pay pending bills. Then the question will come, how did those pending bills arise? It starts from this revenue generated. What you call deficit. If you are targeting to collect about Kshs 2 Billion and that is what you indicate in the budget, that 'in my budget, I am expecting to collect local revenue amounting to Kshs 2 Billion then you end up collecting Kshs 1.1 Billion meaning that the deficit is Kshs 900,000. This deficit is what will not be enough to pay the contractors after doing their work. In two years' time, you will realize that you are going back to the same problem. We must find a solution. We should not exaggerate or have revenue targets that are ambitious. I saw in one of the recommendations that having strategies to collect but dismissing target. As a County, you will find out that whoever is concerned is writing and informing the Budget and Appropriations Committee that we are able to collect Kshs 2 Billion. At the end of the day you end up collecting Kshs 1.1 Billion or even Kshs 1 Billion only. With that kind of deficit, what should be done to the officer in charge? Why was this officer projecting higher revenue that they could not achieve? Then, when the Budget does not perform well. When a ward like mine Kolwa Central is allocated one road for the whole Financial Year, are we really helping

the County? When most of the projects are not being done, in the subsequent election you are not going to be re-elected because people will see you not working. Are we really helping the County?

Therefore, it is not about blanket recommendations; ooh maybe next financial year, you try do this ooh, in the year 2024, whatever the Budget and Appropriations Committee were proposing or whoever was writing for them the report. There is totally nothing that they have recommended. They need to ask the hard questions. They even need to write a report that so and so is not even fit to hold that office. The worst part; if you look at the revenue stream, there is a drop from Kshs188 to Kshs159 Million on the parking fee. People are buying more vehicles and that is why people and get richer here in town. They literally take the parking fee money and put in their pocket. What is being done? In Nairobi County, Parking Fee alone is able to raise a lot of money that can make budget to perform. But, here in Kisumu County when a Parking Fee records a deficit of Kshs 28 Million and my dear Chair Hon. Joachim says; next time do like this. Are we doing justice for the people who work for the people of Kisumu County?

Madam Speaker, We must help the Governor plus pointing out where there are wrong doings. I want to congratulate the hospital fee whereby I am seeing a total of Kshs 452 Million was realized. It means Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital and Kisumu District Hospital majorly are really contributing towards the revenue which is not being done by other departments. But, for this deficit; the Kshs 28 Million and the Kshs 34 Million for the Land and Property Rates recorded a deficit from Kshs 131 Million to Kshs 97 Million. Why? Who are these people who are not paying Property and Land Rates? Or is there somebody who is pocketing that money and just doctoring these reports? We as a House just approving and looking fake recommendations. Madam Speaker, I would advise that if this select committee is going to be serious with its work, then, let them be seen to help Kisumu County so that we can witness development. Madam Speaker, my prayer if the Chair and his team in the Budget and Appropriations Committee can squeeze the Revenue Unit of the Executive to enable it realize Kshs 1.5 billion or more, then we will say that we have done a good work. Madam Speaker, so far, with these kind of recommendation, I don't see our input in this report because this report is just a Public Relations exercise. Thank that you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): The Honorable Members, you have not given us your opinion on whether you are in support of the report or not?

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Madam Speaker, when I say that this report is just a PR exercise because the Honourable Chair was accorded a timeline to deliver on the report...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Oraro...

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Yes Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Please be reminded that, we don't have a Member in the House by the name of Hon. Swaggah.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Madam Speaker, I meant Hon. Joachim Omieno Oketch member representing Kondele Ward who happens to be the powerful Chairperson of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations in this Third Assembly. Madam Speaker, I am requesting him that this time round because he is a Member with a bias in Finance and he comprehends what I am talking about when he decides to do a thorough work, I don't expect that this is kind of report that the Chair can present before this House. I am not aware whether he attended those Committee meetings but, I believe with his signature appended to this report, he attended those committee meetings. So, I expect a better report and recommendation that can help improve the revenue collection in this County...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): What is it Hon. Nyaoke?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Nyaoke, why are you on your feet? Are you on a Point of Order?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker, I am rising on a Point of Order.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Please cite the Standing Orders you are rising on.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker, please let me make reference to my Standing Order. Madam Speaker, I believe it is Standing Order No. 82...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Order!! Hon. Nyaoke. Please resume your sit. You are out of order.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Oraro, please conclude.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Madam Speaker, I support the report but with a lot of reservations. I feel that the Committee should do a better job than this.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): That is fair enough.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Ouko.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. One, I want to appreciate the Committee for being candid...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Member, for the sake of Hansard, please readjust your microphone.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. This report on the Revenue Expenditure for Kisumu County FY 2021/2022. Madam Speaker, for the Committee to bring this

report into this House that implies that, they require the input of this House and so far I would like to commend this House Committee for the work they have done. Madam Speaker, I a few observations to make like on the Signage and Advertisement. I don't believe that Advertisement should be giving this County this small amount of money given that fact that we are just from the concluded general elections and we saw all those Billboard and I believe that these billboards were paid for. This includes the posters, fliers and the rest.

Madam Speaker, in Kisumu before you climb any building to display anything, there is a levy that must be paid and we expect a lot on advertisements. This is because, most of those engaged in Adverts, they do it, it is done when they have money. So, we expect more revenues from that stream. Another issue that we as a House should take note of is are the levies on Public Health Service Fees. Madam Speaker, for anyone to engage in any hotel business in Kisumu, that fee has to be paid. Madam Speaker, how many eating joint and hotels do we have in Kisumu? These are fees that are paid on a yearly basis. Madam Speaker, what about the abattoir in Mamboleo and Ahero, Holo and others and how many cows does these abattoir slaughter in a given day? I believe that somebody is not sincere with our money. Madam Speaker, the Revenue Unit must come clear on the matter and we must put stringent measures so that we can realize more revenues from these streams. It is my belief that we can settle some of our debts if we improve on our Own Source Revenues, if only it is managed well.

Madam Speake, I would like to recommend that the Committee come up with clear and actionable recommendations to enable the County realize the best trends in future...

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward) On a Point of Order!!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Okumu, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I need you guidance, the only reason as to why a report is brought into this House is so that Members can give their input if they support or they reject it. Madam Speaker, there are Members who have the feeling that there are recommendations that are supposed to be in that report but they don't mention them. So, it is not captured in the Hansard so that it forms part of the report if it is adopted. Madam Speaker, I want to humbly request if you guide so that, you guide the Members that those many additional recommendations that they have, that can say them on Hansard then, we will make a vellum together with the Hansard Report and forward to the various department. Rather than saying that they would have seen much better recommendations which they are privy to and they don't disclose to the House. Then, there is no reason as to why they are giving their reactions on the report or even saying that it is good if they cannot give those additional recommendations. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Honourable Members. Hon. Okumu is very right because the Budget and Appropriations Committee acts on a delegated duty role donated to it by the Committee of the Whole House. So, let us not crucify the Budget and Appropriations Committee because this report is presented to this House so that we can give our recommendations together with the Committee’s recommendations after adoption be forwarded to relevant offices for appropriate action. Therefore, let it go to the Hansard that, the proposed recommendations from Members who are not Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee be considered together with those that are in the report. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon. Lawino Opar.

Hon. Opar (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I arise to support this report presented by the Chairperson Budget and appropriations Committee with some few recommendations.

Madam Speaker, I have three pointers but I can give one recommendation. If you look at page eleven of the report where there is a Revenue Stream, Parking Fees. In the FY 2020/2021 and in the year 2020 when we had the Corona Virus, I believed there were no vehicles and the movement was very minimal and the revenue collection was higher compared to FY 2021/2022. So, I believe that there is something that is amiss. Madam Speaker, one recommendation that I should give. Long before those people were in-charge of the Parking Fees, receipts were being issued to clients. Madam Speaker, nowadays there are no receipts and I believe they pay using their mobile phones. So, somebody I just assume that, there is a vehicle there which has been parked and paid for yet, it has not paid. Madam Speaker, I believe that there should be the re-introduction of the manual receipts so that it is there and it is seen that this vehicle that has paid for that day is compelled to do so by enforcement. Madam Speaker, I believe that, this is one area that has made the collection drastically drop.

Madam Speaker, I am on the same page number eight where there is the Health Facilities Fees. Madam Speaker, if we go back to the financial year 2021/2022 and look at the figures indicated there visa-vie the one of 2021/2022. Madam Speaker, in the year 2020, there was a drove of patients, people were really ailing at that time and it is my belief that the health facilities were packed. If you look at what they realized in the year under review FY 2022 which is higher than that of financial year 2020/2021, I believe that there are discrepancies in these figures.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the Department of Public Health, number nine, on the Revenue Stream Public Health Services Fees. If you look at the figures provided because I am still on the COVID-19 pandemic issue and if you compare the figures of financial year 2021/2022, this is a very alarming state of affairs and that something needs to be done about it. This is because during that time, business were down and there were waivers if I am not wrong and businesses were not paying for their licenses and other chargeable fees and you will find that in the year under review, the revenue collection was much better than this year that businesses are paying for their trade

licenses. Madam Speaker, there is a lot of adjustments which I believe should be done on those areas that I have highlighted. Otherwise, I support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you. Yes Hon. Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for according me this opportunity. Madam Speaker, I arise in support of this report and I want to say that the Budget and Appropriations Committee has done a splendid job.

Madam Speaker, because Hon., Okumu wanted that we provide for more recommendations...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Order!! Honourable Members. It is not about Hon. Seth Okumu wanting recommendations....

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for that correction...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Order!! Order!! Member. The report is here before the House for Honourable Members to give in their inputs which will form part of the recommendation for appropriate action by relevant line departments. So, the recommendations are not made for Hon. Okumu. Please be guided accordingly. Please proceed.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I oblige. Madam Speaker, I have one simple recommendation which from my own observation I believe that it must be happening. Madam Speaker from the look of things, I believe that there has been a trend that has been going on and this is the reason I would ask the Select Committee which has prepared this report to compel the departments concerned notably the Department of Finance and Economic Planning and the Revenue Collection Unit.

Madam Speaker, from the graph presented that is on page seven of the report, in the year 2019/2020, revenue collection was not that impressive. In the year 2020/2021 despite all the negative factors that were in play, the collection was better. Madam Speaker, from my own analysis, the department/unit that is concerned with revenue collection must be lethargic when we are approaching the general elections. This is because in the year 2021/2022 business was good and if we would have liked the collection to be perfected, and I believe that this is why we decided the technocrats to run this department. Madam Speaker, we need to inform our staff or the revenue collection staff who are domiciled in the Department of Finance not to be indulging in politic. They should be performing their duties despite the fact that we are approaching the general elections. Mr. Speaker, that is from my own analysis and I believe that this is what is happening. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon. K’omudho.

Hon. K'omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to briefly share my comments. Madam Speaker, going into the general remarks reiterated by all my colleagues who have stood here before me to comment. I support the report very much and to some extent and my little input on the same is to look at the analysis for the three year period that has been presented which is giving a very good impression during a very difficult time.

Madam Speaker, it is possible that figures can get overestimated at times because if you look at the actual performance which is to do with about Kshs 1.2 billion. Madam Speaker, if you ask me, I would like to pause a question that, would it be possible that the targets were set so high? This is because we had very ambitious targets of almost Kshs 2 billion only to end up at the actual performance of the near Kshs 1.2 billion. Madam Speaker, so possibly, let us equally look at the other picture instead of blaming every cow that was not slaughtered or those that will be slaughtered tomorrow. Madam Speaker, is it possible to look at the actual budget visa-vie the targets that were set. Were the projections too high? This is because you could see that in the first financial year 2019/2020 we are talking of only Kshs 1.4 billion and they the preceding year it is set higher. Could we possibly be realistic when setting our targets for the relevant department? Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Emily Oginga, why are you on your feet?

Hon. Oginga (Nominated MCA): Thank you madam Speaker...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Member, I believe that you had made your contribution to this report...

Hon. Oginga (Nominated MCA): Yes I had spoken.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Member, I therefore find you out of Order!! Please resume your seat.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated MCA): Madam Speaker, the reason as to why I am on my feet is because...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Order!! Hon. Oginga, please resume your seat.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Caren Ajwang'.

Hon. Ajwang' (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to call upon the mover to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Joachim Oketch, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Oketch (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I want to really appreciate all the Members for their fruitful contributions and I am glad that close to all the Members were very attentive while I was presenting this report and that is a very good trend.

Madam Speaker, it is becoming a matter of general knowledge that all the Members of this House are actually concerned going by their responses and contributions about the performance of the revenue on how we can improve it. They are feeling that Kisumu County still has a potential to collect more from the general contribution. Just like Hon. Vitalis has said, of course we cannot say that we are setting our targets so high because when we can perform up to 79% meaning we can do better. The former defunct Kisumu Municipal Council alone used to collect over 1 billion that is without other Sub-counties. So, I believe our targets are not too high but we just have to continue pushing so that the department can perform better because I believe that Kisumu County has the potential to collect more when push comes to shove.

Hon. Okoyo did allege that maybe they were sleeping during elections. I don't want to allege that they were sleeping but we all understand the destruction that comes from elections but we call upon the clerk to do better.

Hon. Okoyo equally talked about the performance vis-a-vie the Covid pandemic disruption. Revenue is a very funny trend and of course we were told that we always have revenue in arrears and I am not saying that is what happened. If we have huge revenues that are in arrears, and of course that particular financial year the revenue is under performing but someone with very huge arrears pays but again it forms what is called fluctuations. So, I don't want to diverge further into why the performance was good during the Covid-19 pandemic. But again, the collection in the Health Sector is very tricky because back then we used to have what is called UHC. I believe that there was an intervention by the National Government and to some extent, patients were being treated and collect much revenue.

Madam Speaker, on Signage and Advertising. I believe the result during the election period is yet to come Madam Speaker because we just had our elections recently. I believe the bigger chunk of that is yet to reflect in the coming report. So, it is my belief that the Honorable Member will stand guided and we will be able to get that. I believe that the Chairman will do more report or research because there was an allegation by Honorable Kelvin Oraro that we did not do our analysis deep enough, of course guided by Honorable Seth Okumu. We are not denting this report as a finality Madam Speaker, this is a report by the House Committee but the committee just as the Honorable Speaker did mention, it is a donated power from the House so we are only giving our part as a House Committee but the House is not limited to give further recommendations. We can even pass this report with a recommendation from the floor. You can add more recommendations and we can pass the report with some amendments. So I don't believe that Members are limited to giving recommendations.

Madam Speaker, of course Hon. Kelvin Oraro, who is not in the House called the report fake and a PR exercise, those were his personal sentiments. It's only that he is not in the House. Otherwise, I could have instructed the Honourable Member to withdraw because this is a House of Honorable Members and few Members plus secretariat cannot sit down to give a report then you call it fake and fail to give your own recommendations. So I believe the House stands guided but of course we do agree that we need to do more analysis. He did mention that the other towns that were recently opened by the Governor of course should now do better because they are towns and the moment these towns have been gazetted, there are more amenities that are given to the towns and we expect them to perform better in terms of revenue. Madam Speaker, on that note, I believe that I agree with him. Hon. Oginga, I similarly agree with you on observation of revenue in arrears.

Madam Speaker, I believe that Committee should give more stern warning because we need the County Executive to disclose what are the revenues arrears and of course why are other members of the public allowed to hold revenue in arrears and why are others not allowed. So I still believe we should do better on that. Madam Speaker, I believe that in our next report this being the first one, we should be able to give concrete measures and also compel the Executive to give the figures on that.

Honorable James Omollo touched on the Revenue Projection. Of course they are performing poorly in the sense that he equally mentioned and the performance per quarter is also fluctuating because if a good county should have a revenue stream that is a little bit consistent, it gives you room to plan so well. I believe as a committee we should intervene further and give better recommendations.

To Hon. Ajumbo, I don't believe that I want to talk about the hard copies, of course it was a complaint in our first report, we didn't have enough but of course we are trying; we are moving from zero to something and I believe with the intervention of the Clerk and the Honorable Speaker, we will be able to avail more copies.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Oiko. There is a place I agree with you in terms of clerical error of the figure, there is understatement by almost Kshs 250 which I believe that the secretariat is going to sit and relook at that because it is a very big error that should be corrected, I have seen it on the figures that don't tally. More records should also be availed for references, we should even dig deeper so that the entire information with regards to revenue collection should be made public because once the information is made public then you give another bargaining power to push the Executive to give us more report.

Hon. Nyaoke, on the instability of the trend that is just what I said. The trend is very worrying when today we are collecting one billion then the next day we've gone low. I believe that the Executive or the Minister in charge should be put to task on how to stabilize the revenue because when we have a revenue that is very consistent, then we also become consistent with our planning

so meaning as we plan, then we also strive to achieve what we've planned and also it helps in the reduction of pending bills. Madam Speaker, the committee will also strive to correct that.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Honorable Members for their contribution and I believe that just like Hon. Oiko Pete said, this is just a beginning of a trend that we used not have on the floor of this house and in as much as the report may not have met the expectations of all the Members, but it's a trend towards the right direction and I believe with more reports to come, the committee will strive to do better and we will strengthen our performance as we move further.

Otherwise, thank you very much and I believe that the committee will do better. I want to thank Members of the committee who participated on this, the secretariat, the House and even with the intervention of the Speaker who granted us the permission to do this report. Madam Speaker I beg to reply. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Honorable Member. A motion on the Adoption of a report of the Kisumu County Revenue Statement for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2022 has been moved by Hon. Joachim, seconded by Hon. Seth Okumu and debated by Hon. Members, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): The report of the Kisumu County Revenue Statement for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2022 is hereby adopted today Thursday, 24th November 2022 at 04.12 p.m. Honourable Members, I direct that the report together with the Hansard report be prepared and forwarded to the relevant departments in the Executive for further action. Thank you.

Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to 29th November 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 05.14 p.m.)

Addendum

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