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

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I have two communications to make. One, in the gallery we have got students and teachers from DC Secondary School. DC Secondary School is in Nyando Sub-county in Kisumu County and with the students are Mr. Peter Amukhoba, Sylvanus Ondieki, Mr. Mathews and Mrs. Rose Omollo. Feel welcome to Kisumu County Assembly. I will give a chance to a few Honourable Members to welcome these students and their teachers. I can see the Honourable Leader of Majority.

Honourable Members, before I do that, I want to communicate that I have received communication from both the Leader of Majority and the Chairperson of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations that we are coming to the end of Financial Year and as per the provisions of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012, we are supposed to conclude the budget making process by 30th June but for this year, the date is falling on a Sunday. So, we

reschedule our process to end on 27th June, 2024. So, I want to request that by the goings in the Country, let all Members come in time so that we prepare on the same. The Leader of Majority will have time to communicate the same.

Honourable Members, regarding my first communication, the Leader of Majority is from Nyando Sub-county. After that I will give the Chairperson, Education Committee and one female Member to please welcome these students and their teachers.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority, the Floor is yours.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the students and teachers from DC Secondary School. This school is in Kochogo Village in Ahero Ward. This is a school that I am proud of because it was started when I was the Constituency Manager for Nyando and I know some of them know me as *Ken Nyale*

I am the Honourable Member representing you in the County Assembly of Kisumu. I want to inform these students that unlike National Government, in the County we have two arms of government. That is the County Executive and the County Assembly. The Executive is headed by the Governor and the Assembly is headed by the Speaker. In the County Assembly, we have 47 Members. 35 are elected while 12 are nominated. Out of 35, 34 are elected by the ODM Party and one is an Independent Candidate.

Our co-mandate as an Assembly is to Oversight the County Executive, to Represent the electorates and to Legislate. I want you to feel most welcome. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you so much Honourable Speaker. Allow me to join the Leader of Majority in welcoming the students from DC Secondary School to the Assembly of Kisumu. I want to encourage them that most of the people you see here also went through the process you are undertaking. I want to boast of this Assembly as having very many professionals. We have engineers, teachers, epidemiologists and that can only happen if you obey what the teachers are telling you right now.

Honourable Speaker, allow me also to congratulate them on behalf of the Gen-Zs. They have stood firm to make right what we have not been able to do in several years. So, as Gen-Zs in this House today, we are proud of you and we promise to back you up in whatever you are doing including your education. As the Chairperson, Education Committee, I want to bring to your attention that we promise as Kisumu County Government that we will be giving Scholarship and Bursaries. I want to convey my sincere apologies that the disbursements are delaying but we assure that at the end of this month we shall have all the bursaries paid through the County Government. Those are my remarks Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nimeamuakwaonyeshawanafunzikuwambasiolughamojaambalolinazungumzwahapa. Ningependa kukushukurukwakunipeafursa ya kuwakaribishawanafunziwashule ya Upili ya DC, kutoka kata ndogo la Nyando.

Ningependakuwajulishawanafunzikuwambawakonabahati sana kupatafursahuukutembelea Bunge la Kaunti ya Kisumu. Enzi zetu ingebidi usafiri hadi jikuu la Nairobi ndiouone Bunge la Kitaifa. Ni kwasababu ya kanzunzuri ya Mzee ambayetunamheshimu sana Raila Amolo Odinga alifanyandiomaanaleotukonaserikalizagatuzi 47 katika Jamuhuriletu la Kenya. Kwahivyo iwekwenyefikrazenukwambani Raila ndiyoamefanyampatekuone Bunge hilinatunamuombea Mola ampemaishamarefundiotuzidikuonamatunda ya kazizake. Ahsante Bwana Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Millicent Omuya.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to join my colleagues in welcoming the students to the County Assembly. This is how Assembly looks like. It is House of rules and procedures. You also heard the Speaker directing that Honourable female Member also to be given a chance. I want to inform the girls that are here that it is possible. We started from somewhere. You can be an MCA, Member of Parliament, Senator or a Women Representative. You can be anything that you want to be. It is possible. Work hard. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you so much. What is it Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing that students before us re Gen-Zs. I really want to appreciate the effort they are making to ensure that those charged with the responsibility of ensuring that this country prospers and services are delivered. Just as colleagues have said, we appreciate what you are doing and I encourage you that you keep this government in check. When you group, be responsible but at the same time you be careful because some of you will be vying for positions. So, ensure that you don't let down the generation that has made history in Kenya and the world. We are proud of your generation. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!! Mr. Clerk.

STATEMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Honourable Speaker, I want to indulge Members that tomorrow we shall have an important day because we shall be going through

Kisumu County Appropriations Bill, 2024 and going by the happenings in the country, I want to persuade all Members to come to the Assembly early enough. I also want to request the Members to be each other keeper. Finally, I would equally like to request the administration to arrange for lunches for the Members so that we avoid any insolvency. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

MOTION

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON ITS CONSIDERATIONS OF ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2024/2025 AND THE MEDIUM TERM

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH, MCA, KONDELE.

(CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Chair Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Joachim (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I really want to appreciate you for allowing me to use this special podium to present this report. Hon. Okoyo has also taught me of *Kata ndogo*. I want to take this opportunity to present a report Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for FY 2024/2025 and the Medium Term. We have posted the report on our WhatsApp group. We have the main report in the page and because it is voluminous, we made the Moving Notes. We also had sector meetings and I therefore believe that Members are conversant with the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honourable Members, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 positioned County Assemblies at the heart of the budget making process, Section 131 (2) of this Act and Standing Orders No. 189 (3) (b) & 222 (5) of the Kisumu County Assembly mandates the County Budget and Appropriations Committee (CBAC) to discuss and review the estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and table a report to the House for consideration and adoption.

In adherence to the provisions of Section 129 (2) of the PFM Act, 2012, the CECM. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT submitted the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for FY 2024/2025 for the County Executive to the County Assembly on Tuesday, 30th April, 2024 (See Annex I). Equally, the Clerk of the Assembly submitted the County Assembly Budget Estimates in line with section 129 (3) of the PFM Act, 2012.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 222 (3), (4) & (5) of the County Assembly, the estimates of revenue and expenditure was tabled on Thursday, 02nd May, 2024 and committed to

the County Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Sectoral Committees for review in line with their respective mandates.

1. PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF THE FY 2024/2025 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Section 107, 129, 130,131 of the PFM Act, 2012, Regulations No. (25) to (37) of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations of 2015 and Standing Orders No. 189 & 222 of the Kisumu County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir & Hon. Members, to process the 2024/2025 Estimates, the Committee held a total of 15 meetings including a meeting for adoption of its tentative program for processing the Estimates, 12 meetings with the Chairpersons of the Sectoral Committees after reviewing the Budgets of the various Departments/Sectors, the County Public Service and City of Kisumu, the County Treasury and the County Revenue Board.

2. Interrogation by Sectoral Committees

Upon laying of the Budget Estimates, various Sectoral Committees embarked on reviewing and studying the programs and policy objectives of their assigned Departments as contained in the proposed Budget Estimates. The Sectoral Committees also held consultative engagements with their respective Line Departments on 20th, 21st and 23rd May, 2024 to gain deeper insights on the Departmental Budgets

3. Public Participation

The Committee sought views of the public on the proposed Budget Estimates FY 2024/2025 during Public Participation exercise advertised on the star and daily nation newspapers (Annex II) and conducted on 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th May, 2024 in all the 35 wards of Kisumu County.

During the hearings, members of the public through oral presentations raised very pertinent issues and proposals. The Committee has equally received a total of 15 Memoranda from the following stakeholders and Community based groups; Kisumu County Viva Peer Educators; Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO); Angoro Farmers' Cooperative from Awasi/Onjiko ward; Community of Practice, Residents of South East Nyakach Ward; Jitahidi Youth Group; Tang'neKwecho Women Group and Otada W. Group from North Seme Ward; Kadupa Junior and Anywang K.K Women group from East Seme; Guba Base Youth Group, Karambira Development Group and Andare Riat Women Group from Central Seme; West Reru Widows and Smart Sisters Women Group from West Seme.

The Committee has considered submissions from members of the public in its recommendations to this House and attached both the compiled oral submissions from each ward as (Annex III) and the Memoranda as (Annex IV)

4. Presentation of Sectoral Committee Reports

The reports by Sectoral Committees were presented by the Chairpersons in a joint-consultative workshop that comprised the Budget Committee, the relevant County Executive Committee Member accompanied by their technical staff and the County Treasury from 3rd to 6th June, 2024 in Nairobi County (Annex V – Consolidated Sectoral Committee Reports). The deliberations brought forth pertinent issues across all Sectors of the county which has largely impacted the informed policy and financial recommendations we have made in this report.

Pursuant to Section 131 (2) of the PFM Act, 2012, the Committee has equally sought for views and recommendations of CECM. Finance and Economic planning regarding the submissions made by members of public and concerns raised by the Sectoral Committees during the consultative forum held from 9th to 13th June, 2024 in Mombasa County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We express our deepest gratitude to the Sectoral Committees for their thorough oversight efforts over the Departments and Members of the public for taking time to attend the Public Hearings and presenting their views to the Committee for inclusion in this report.

The Committee is grateful to the County Treasury and other line Departments, CASB, CPSB and the City of Kisumu for honoring our invitations and giving insightful recommendations which eased our decisions making.

Lastly, I am grateful to the Office of the Speaker of the County Assembly, the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly, the Committee members, the Directorate of Legislative Procedures and Committee Services, the Committee Secretariat and Technical Staff for their invaluable support to us as we discharged our mandate of reviewing the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025 and the medium term.

It is therefore, my pleasant duty, on behalf of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee, to table the report on revenue and expenditure for the FY 2024/2025 and the Medium Term for the County Executive and the County Assembly.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FY 2024/2025 BUDGET ESTIMATES (Ref. Pg. 16 to 20)

The Estimates of revenues and expenditures for FY 2024/2025 are anchored on the Governors Clarion call of “WasetimoWadoktimo” which embodies the County Government’s Commitment to consolidate the progress made in the last phase of the government activities and opening new frontiers for development in various sectors in line with the Governors Ten-Point Agenda in the Manifesto.

The Budget is aimed at revitalizing the Agriculture Sector for food security and agribusiness; ensuring a health population living in a clean environment; environmental conservation as well as opening the Kisumu Lakefront Business Opportunities; Improving and rehabilitating dilapidated access roads due to the prolonged rains; Finishing incomplete/stalled Projects; Increasing access to clean and safe water by drilling boreholes and extension amongst other development programs.

The total proposed budget for FY 2024/2025 is Kshs. 13,748,975,331. This comprises Kshs. 5,469,295,446 billion in Personnel Emolument, Kshs. 4,193,412,564 in Operations and Maintenance and Kshs. 4,086,267,321 in Development Expenditure.

The submitted estimates will be financed from the total County Resource Envelope projected at Kshs. 13,748,975,331 which comprises;

- i. Equitable Share of Revenue at Kshs. 8,485,665,357.
- ii. Conditional and Non-Conditional Grants at Kshs. 1,566,236,874.
- iii. Own Source Revenue at Kshs. 3,697,073,100.

Based on the submitted Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for FY 2024/2025, the cake has been appropriated to the various County Executive Sectors and the Assembly as follows;

i. Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 1,274,161,765, of which Kshs. 165M has been set aside for development. Further, Kshs. 1.109 Billion has been allocated for Operations and Maintenance majorly comprising transfers to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, Kisumu County Hospital, County and Sub-County Hospital Services, Health Centers and Dispensaries to promote Primary Healthcare for Universal Health Coverage and provision of insurance subsidies to the informal sector and indigents.

The Departmental allocation is partly funded by DANIDA (Danish International Development Agency) Conditional Grant at Kshs. 10,530,000 and Community Health Promoters at Kshs. 70,459,609.

ii. Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works

The Department has a total allocation of Kshs. 628,426,006 which includes; Kshs. 195,718,947 conditional allocation for Road Maintenance Fuel Levy Fund for construction of 265KM of Roads and improvement of dilapidated roads due to the prolonged April-May rains; Kshs. 10M for Box culverts; Kshs. 16.2 M for CRF roads; Kshs. 140M for Number Kapiyo flagship project, Construction and Maintenance of streetlights and floodlights at Kshs. 26M (Annex VIII – Details

of Development Projects); Kshs. 170M for operations and maintenance and Kshs. 98M for the Machine Based Program.

iii. Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation.

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 345,698,842 to improve food security and lower cost of living by investing in high value and crop value chains and introducing input subsidy program. It comprises Kshs. 263,841,315 for Development & Kshs. 81,857,527 in O&M.

This Budget is majorly funded by Grants which includes; Kshs. 151,515,152 - Conditional Grants for NAVCDP, Kshs. 15,407,244 - Aquaculture Business Development Project, Kshs. 28,269,703 - Practical Action Agriculture (PRACTICE), Kshs. 15,000,000 - Change Maker and Kshs. 21,918,919 - Kenya Agribusiness Development Project (KABDP).

iv. Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services.

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 495M which comprises Kshs. 200M in development and Kshs. 295M in Operations. This allocation is largely meant for Completion and construction of ECDE Classrooms and VTCs; Capitation to VTCs and ECDEs at Kshs. 90.2M; and Bursaries and Scholarships at Kshs. 205M.

v. Water Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change

The Department has a total allocation of Kshs. 395,033,481 which includes partial funding of Kshs. 148,500,000 - Finance Locally Led Action Plan (FLLOCA) conditional grant earmarked to benefit all the 35 wards. Kshs. 324M has been set aside for development which would increase coverage and improve access of Clean and Safe water from 58% to 66% in the County. It will also enhance a climate resilient County with clean and healthy environment.

vi. Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 1,066,018,059 which includes Kshs. 830M KISPI II being intended to improve infrastructure in various informal settlements in Kisumu City and Muhoroni; Kshs. 27M for Purchase of Land Bank; Kshs. 15M for completion of the Valuation Roll; Kshs 20M for establishment of the much needed County spatial plan; Kshs. 75M for operationalizing the Newly Created Municipalities amongst others.

vii. Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 260,983,343 which includes Kshs. 150M for establishment of County Aggregation and Industrial Park, Kshs. 50M County enterprise fund to offer flexible credits for MSMEs, Kshs. 10M for Market Cleaning and development of Cooperative legislation and Enterprise fund regulations.

viii. Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 253,080,452. This is mainly for Artistic Talent Development at Kshs. 5.9M, Culture and Heritage Development at Kshs. 6.6M, Grassroot Sports Talent Support and Development at Kshs. 9.8M and Moi Stadium Development at Kshs. 150M.

ix. City of Kisumu

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 301,115,358. This includes Kshs. 30M for Completion of Kaloleni Social Hall; Kshs. 20M for Completion of Rota Bridge and Kshs. 20M for Solar Light implementation on various streets within the City.

x. Public Service, County Administration & Participatory Development, Office of the Governor

The Department accounts for the largest share of this Budget amounting to Kshs. 5,854,136,678. It majorly comprises the consolidated P&E figure at Kshs. 5.1 Billion for the County Executive. The P&E includes allocation for recruitment of 200 ECDE teachers, 70 instructors for the VTCs and 50 inspectorate officers. Kshs. 20M from the Budget is set for Disaster Management. Under Development; Kshs. 30 Million is allocated for Construction new ward offices and Kshs. 5 Million for completion of ward offices.

xi. Finance Economic Planning and ICT

The Department has been allocated Kshs. 1,899,881,000 of which Kshs. 1 Billion is set aside for payment of verified Pending Bills. Other major expenditure priority to be financed includes; Kshs. 120M transfer to Lake Front for opening the Kisumu Lakefront Business Opportunities; Kshs. 80M transfer to Kisumu County Revenue Board to enhance Revenue Mobilization and Kshs. 70 Million for emergency relief and response.

xii. Kisumu County Public Service Board

The Department has a total allocation of Kshs. 48,319,347 to promote its operational efficiency and for development of systems and policies for effective HR management.

Xiii. County Assembly of Kisumu

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the County Assembly has a total recurrent budget of Kshs. 827,121,358 in line with the previous CARA, 2023 and Kshs. 100M allocated outside its ceiling for development. The Development Budget is meant to facilitate completion of the ultra-modern County Assembly

Outlined below, is the breakdown of the proposed County Assembly Budget FY 2024/2025;

	ESTIMATED
PERSONNELSALARIES	FY2024/2025
	(KSHS.)
CLERK'SOFFICE	30,947,772.00
FINANCEANDACCOUNTINGSERVICES	24,027,968.60
HUMANRESOURCEANDADMINISTRATION	68,598,822.62
SUPPLIESCHAINMANAGEMENT	6,042,346.40
ICT,HANSARD, RESEARCHAND INFORMATION SERVICES	8,078,568.20
LEGISLATIONANDOVERSIGHT	138,497,351.82
POLICY/SPEAKER'SOFFICE	30,984,119.46
COMMITTEESERVICES	54,088,000.00
REPRESENTATION	53,535,142.26
TOTALPERSONNELEXPENDITURE	414,800,091.36
OPERATIONSANDMAINTENANCE	

	ESTIMATED
EXPENDITURE	FY2024/2025
	(KSHS.)
CLERK'SOFFICE	116,014,766.42
FINANCEANDACCOUNTINGSERVICES	28,664,302.82
HUMANRESOURCEANDADMINISTRATION	76,183,680.00
SUPPLYCHAINMANAGEMENT	2,400,000.00
ICT,HANSARD,RESEARCH,ANDINFORMATION SERVICES	3,000,000.00
LEGISLATIONANDOVERSIGHT	17,563,277.40
POLICY/SPEAKER'SOFFICE	13,960,000.00
COMMITTEESERVICES	94,000,000.00
REPRESENTATION	60,535,240.00
	412,321,266.64
TOTALRECURRENTEXPENDITURE	827,121,358.00
DEVELOPMENT	100,000,000
	927,121358.00

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS (Ref. Pg.5)

Resulting from these extensive consultations, the Committee made the following Financial and Non-Financial Recommendations:

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NON-FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS (Ref. Pg. 5 to 7)

Emanating from these observations, the Committee made the following non-financial recommendations:

1. Taking into account Senate resolutions of Thursday, 9th May, 2024 on the status of County Pending Bills;

The CECM. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT to prepare and submit a pending bill repayment plan to the County Assembly and the Controller of Budget by 31st July, 2024. The CECM should further ensure that the verified pending bills are progressively prioritized for Payment as a first charge on the County Revenue Fund within the approved fiscal framework and report to this House quarterly.

2. The County Assembly to domesticate CESS Act for proper administration and utilization of CESS revenue for the realization of its intendment to promote infrastructural development in the CESS collection regions.

3. That, by 30th September, 2024, the County Treasury to submit the County procurement plan to this House. That all procurement of goods/civil works must be finalized by December each year hence contractors must be on site latest January, 2024 with provision of timelines for completion of projects to avoid project overlapping to succeeding financial years.

4. THAT, all County Government Sectors to timely submit their strategic work plans and quarterly implementation reports to the Assembly in compliance of the law.

5. That, by 31st July 2024, the Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation to submit to this House a report on status of implementation of projects for the current budget FY 2023/2024. Consequently, the Sectoral Committees and Implementation Committee to review, investigate, and validate the report pursuant to their mandates and cause a report with recommendations to this House.

6. That, by 30th October, 2024, the CECM. Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development in conjunction with CECM. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT to submit the County Spatial Plan to this House for approval in line with the provisions of Section 102 to 115 of the County Government Act, 2012 for proper planning and management of Public Expenditures.

7. That, by 31st July, 2024, the CECM. Public Service Administration, Participatory Development and Office of the Governor to submit to this House an updated County Executive staff database for scrutiny, examination and validation to justify the consolidated figure for Personnel Emoluments.

8. The County Revenue Board to enforce and implement the following Revenue Raising Measures in order to realize the OSR revenue target and reduce the Counties Fiscal Deficit.

- i. HR reforms in the revenue sector to be undertaken.
- ii. Strengthening of the debt collection unit.
- iii. Appropriately revise hospital user fees and Charges in the County Finance Bill, 2024 to achieve FIF revenue target.
- iv. Map and Integrate data for all enterprises in the County in the automated revenue system including the newly created markets for expansion of the County revenue base.

9. That, by 31st July, 2024, the CECM for Finance and Economic Planning to submit to this House implementation status of the various House resolutions adopted during approval of Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024 and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2024/2025.

10. That, by 31st July, 2024, the CECM for Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing to develop and submit to this House the Enterprise Fund Act Regulations for proper administration and implementation the Kisumu County Enterprise Fund to provide flexible credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSEs) in the County.

11. The County Treasury to second certified accountants and procurement officers to all auditable County Health Facilities and Vocational Training Centers to ensure proper management and administration of public funds, prepare and maintain accurate financial and accounting records to improve the Fiscal and financial reputation of the Facilities.

12. That, by 30th September, 2024, the CECM. Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works to develop and submit to this House a detailed work plan for implementation of the Machine Based Program (MBP), properly formulated to benefit all wards in the County within the Financial Year.

13. The County Public Service Board in consultation with the CECM. Public Service Administration, Participatory Development and Office of the Governor to review Job description of the County Inspectorate Officers to include safeguarding County Facilities, Entities and Offices. The Directorate of HRM to further train and equip these officers with relevant skills and competence for deployment as security guards to protect various County public offices by 30th September, 2024.

14. That, the CECM, Finance, Economic Planning and ICT in collaboration with the CECM. Education Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services to ensure that Bursary Funds are procured and disbursed within the firsthalf of the Financial Year to caution the students from academic interruptions.

15. The County Treasury to expunge the proposed details of FLOCCA development projects and replace with the revised project details contained in this report as (annex VI). The new list has

fairly redistributed the projects in all the 35 wards and aligned them to needs and aspirations of the people of Kisumu County.

16. The Governor of Kisumu to initiate a conversation with the National Government through the IGTRC to formulate proper strategies for addressing the matter of historical Pending Bills of accrued Legal Fees and Court Decrees originating from defunct local authorities.

17. That, by 15th July, 2024, the CECM. Lands Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development to submit to this House a detailed and comprehensive budgetary notes and work plans to justify the O&M and Development expenditure allocated to various Municipalities at Kshs. 10M and Kshs. 5M respectively. Equally, the CECM to submit a detailed work plan for implementation of the KISIP Project funded at Kshs. 830M outlining project specification, their locations and respective amounts.

18. The City Manager to submit to this House a comprehensive breakdown for Kshs. 20M allocated for Solar Lamp implementation on various streets within the City providing clear project location, descriptions and the respective amounts within one week of adoption of this report.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS(Ref. Pg. 7 to 12)

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honourable Members, based on the deliberations and putting into account the Fiscal Responsibility Principles, the Committee recommends that this House resolves;

i) Total Revenue

That, the Total County Revenue Projection be approved at Kshs. 13,748,975,331 in line with the revenue streams under the resource envelop presented as Second Schedule of this Report.

The Total Revenue comprises;

- i. An Opening Balance at Zero shillings.
- ii. Equitable Share of Revenue at Kshs. 8,485,665,357.
- iii. Conditional and Non-Conditional Grants at Kshs. 1,566,236,874.
- iv. Own Source Revenue at Kshs. 3,697,073,100.

Expenditure

ii) Total Expenditure

That, the Total Budget Estimates for FY 2024/2025 be approved at Kshs. 13,748,975,331 and be appropriated to the various Sectors/Departments as presented in the first Schedule of this Report.

iii) Recurrent Expenditure

That, the total recurrent expenditure for FY 2024/2025 Budget Estimates be approved at Kshs. 9,662,708,010 as presented in first Schedule of this Report.

That, the recurrent expenditure comprises;

Expenditure for Personnel Emoluments at Kshs. 5,469,295,446

Expenditure for Operations and Maintenance at Kshs. 4,193,412,564

iv) Development Expenditure

That, the total capital/development expenditure for FY 2024/2025 Budget Estimates be approved at Kshs. 4,086,267,321 as justified in the first Schedule of this Report.

v) Allocation for the County Assembly.

i. Recurrent Expenditure

- a. That, the County Assembly recurrent expenditures for FY 2024/2025 be approved at Kshs. 827,121,358 in line with CARA, 2023 as presented in the third schedule of this report.

ii. Development Expenditure

- a. That, the County Assembly development expenditure for FY 2024/2025 be approved at Kshs. 100 Million in line with the House Resolution adopted during approval of the CFSP to permit completion of the Ultramodern County Assembly.

vi. Allocation for Pending Bills

That, the Budget Allocation for the Development Pending Bills be approved at Kshs. 1 Billion.

vii. That at least Kshs. 20,000,000 be allocated to each ward to finance implementation of the development projects proposed by members of the public during validation Public Participation conducted by Assembly as presented under (Annex III) of this report.

viii. Employment of 50 Inspectorate Officers

That, all proposed Departmental Budget Lines for recruitment of contracted guards be collapsed and reallocated to Personnel Emoluments to raise funds for recruitment of 50 inspectorate officers to secure and safeguard County Premises, Facilities and Entities.

ix. Approve that Kshs. 25M allocated for school feeding program be procured as Capitation transfers to the ECDE centers for proper utilization of the funds.

x. Approve that Kshs. 20M allocation for rehabilitation of Mamboleo Slaughter House be reduced to Kshs. 10M and the balance be reallocated to finance the other proposed Departmental Development Priorities.

xi. Approve that, Kshs. 98Million allocated for Machine Based Program be reduced by Kshs. 51.5M and the saving used to bridge the following expenditure deficits;

a. That, Kshs. 40M be reallocated to provide partial financing for implementation of the ward based development projects proposed by the public during validation public participation conducted by the Assembly.

b. That, Kshs. 11.5 Million be appropriated to finance the under listed development projects;

- i. Raise funding for Construction of Mugruk-Kokere access road in South West Kisumu ward from the proposed Kshs. 3.5M to Kshs. 5.5M.
- ii. Construction of Miracle Box Culvert across River Auji in Manyatta “B” ward at Kshs. 4M.
- iii. Construction of Bungu Ring road in Kolwa East ward at Kshs. 3M
- iv. Kashem – Nametsa Access Road in Norht West Kisumu at Kshs. 2.5M

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

xii. TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND MARKETING.

Approve the request of additional Kshs. 11 Million to its O&M budget for: Capacity building of micro and small enterprises at Kshs. 1 Million and Market cleaning @ Kshs. 10 Million.

xiii. LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Approve the request of an additional Kshs. 20 Million for development of the County Spatial Plan. The amount be raised by external sourcing of Kshs. 9,000,000 and internally sourcing Kshs. 11,000,000 by expunging and reallocating the proposed budget for Purchase of Land survey equipment at Kshs. 3M and Planning of 8 Markets at Kshs. 8M.

Further, approve that Kshs. 15M allocated for operational activities to the respective municipalities be re-budgeted as follows; Kshs. 10M in O&M and Kshs. 5M in development.

xiv. PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATION, PARTCIPATORY DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Approve that Kshs. 68M be sourced under the consolidated figure for Personnel Emoluments to provide adequate allocation for recruitment of 200 ECD Teachers and 70 Vocational Training

Instructors to promote early childhood education services and improve quality training and innovation in the County.

xv) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT, IRRIGATION AND BLUE ECONOMY

Approve the request for additional Kshs. 3M to its O&M being; an increment of Kshs. 1.65 Million for Motor Vehicle Services and Kshs. 1.35 Million for Fuel services to effectively facilitate the newly recruited 115 Extension Staff in the Department to improve service delivery and outreach to farming community of Kisumu County.

xvi) CITY OF KISUMU

Approve the request for additional Kshs. 6 Million for completion works at Riat Market & flood flights. The amount be internally sourced by cutting the budgetary allocation for; Completion Kaloleni Social Hall by Kshs. 3M; the budgetary allocation for Land survey to map out land for Wayleaves by Kshs. 1M; allocation for completion of ablution block at Azimio market by Kshs. 2M.

xvii) Approve the proposed changes on development projects as outline in the matrix below;

APPROVED CHANGES ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FY 2024/2025

S/N	PROJECT AS PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET	WARD	ACTION	REVISED NAME	AMOUNT (KSHS.)
INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS					
1.	Project No.5; Bonde – Oluti road at Kshs. 4M	Central Seme	Replaced	Arom – DiemoOwaro access road	4,000,000
2.	Project No. 68; highmast floodlight installation at Orietiende at Kshs. 2M	North Kisumu	Replaced with Riat to address high insecurity in the area	Highmast floodlight installation at Riat area	2,000,000
3.	(Project No.4 ; Kondik- MariwaAccess road at Kshs. 4.5M	North Seme	Renamed	opening and murraming of OberOjowi-Dip-Ami Limbo Bridge	4,500,000
4.	Project No. 53; Kolenyo- Nyalunya access road at Kshs. 3,500,000	North Seme	Renamed	Nduru Junction-Ogona- Nyalunya Access Road	3,500,000
5.	Project. No 34; Got Ongoo Nyabondo Access Road	Kajulu	Renamed	Got Nyabondo-Got Ongoo Access Road	4,500,000

	at Kshs. 4.5M				
6.	Project No. 82; Installation of High mast Floodlights at Kajuoga market at Kshs. 2M	Kajulu	Renamed	Installation of High mast Floodlights at Kajuoga/Soweto market	2,000,000
7.	Project No. 50; Kotieno access road at Kshs. 3.5M	East Kano-Wawidhi	Renamed	Kotieno-Magina Access road	3,500,000
8.	Project No. 23; Off Kisii to Kochieng JICA bridge to Odenya to Nyachoda Primary School at Kshs. 4.5M	East Kano Wawidhi	Renamed	Off Odenya-Nyachoda-Kambemre	4,500,000
9.	Project No. 62 Streetlighting at Kamagore Centre at Kshs. 2M	East Seme	Replaced	Miranga – Nyarombo access road	2,000,000
EDUCATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND INNOVATION					
10.	Project No. 4; Completion of Rachier ECDE Lintel at Kshs. 1.4M (the ECDE does not exist)	South East Nyakach	The project expunged and funds reallocated	Completion of Naki ECDE	1,000,000
				Completion of Nyagweno ECD	400,000
11.	Project No. 42 Construction of workshop sheds at Kandaria VTC at Kshs. 1.5M (VTC does not exist)	North Seme	Replaced	Construction of Workshop Sheds at Mariwa VTC.	1,500,000
12	Project No. 51 Improvement of Naki – Kodongo Rich access road at Kshs. 5M	Central Nyakach	Replaced	Kibuon – Njora – Dot Com access road	5,000,000
MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION					
13.	Project No. 22; X-ray for Kombewa and Ahero County Hospital at Kshs.5M	Ombeyi	Project location revised	X-ray for Kombewa be placed in Central Seme Ward while X-ray for Ahero County Hospital be placed Ahero Ward	
14.	Project No. 59 Completion of Masara Dispensary at Kshs. 2M (The dispensary does not exist)	Ombeyi	Expunged and Substituted	Construction of Kang’o Dispensary Ablution block and fencing	2,000,000
15	Project No. 25 Completion of Central Nyakach	Central Nyakach	Expunged and Substituted	Completion of Kodung Dispensary	3,000,000

	Dispensary at Kshs. 3M (The dispensary is non-existent)				
16	Project No. 23 Fencing of Rota Health Centre at Kshs. 1.2M	South West Kisumu	Replaced	Construction of Ablution Block at Rota Health Centre	1,200,000
WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES					
17.	Project No. 27; Pipeline extension water supply in Bukna and Ongadi area at Kshs. 3M	Kajulu Ward	Replaced	drilling of borehole, laying pipes, with high-breed solar and a 10,000litre water tank at Mamboleo	3,000,000
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND IRRIGATION					
18.	Construction of Nanga Fish Banda at Kshs. 2M	East Seme	Replaced	Supply of Certified Maize Seeds	2,000,000

xviii) Report and Recommendations

Approve the Report and Recommendations of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Executive and the County Assembly for the FY 2024/2025.

xix) Basis of the County Appropriations Bill

Approve that, the first schedule of this report form the basis of the FY 2024/2025 Appropriations Bill.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my pleasant undertaking on behalf of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee, to table this report in this House and recommend it for adoption. May I call upon Hon. Seth Okumu to second? Thank you.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As the able Chair resumes the seat, I rise to second the report by the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, as the Chair has mentioned, these are Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure. We are estimating that revenue and how we are going to spend these revenues. I have to expound on this based on the discussion we had today with my good friend Hon. Regina Kizito.

Honourable Members, for us to spend money, we must know where it is coming from. We are getting money from the Exchequer, from the Donors and we are raising money as Own Source

Revenue. We have several streams that we have proposed in this report to help us in getting our Own Source Revenue (OSR). As the Chair stated, some of those streams send money direct to the County Revenue Fund (CRF) and once it gets there then it can be spend on all those expenditures we want in these estimates. Unless some of those revenues are ring fenced then any department can access the money from the County Revenue Fund Account. That was the biggest discussion we had this morning on Cess.

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, when Cess is collected because we do not have an Act Which the Chairperson has elaborately mentioned very well, that for us to spend this money strictly on roads, as envisage, then we need to move with speed as we are implementing these estimates that we have an Act to help us reinvest cess money to be use on roads.

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, I want to thank my Chairperson and the House Committee for agreeing that ECD Feeding Program Estimates need to be sent to our ECD schools as capitation. Hon. Speaker, this will really minimize the loses we are having not deliberately but out of procedure. The Kshs 25,000,000 that we appropriate for our ECD program, if we do procurement for that kind of food, then the person who is getting these businesses has to make profit. There are taxes that he has to pay. And you will realize that out of Kshs 25,000,000, the actual money we send to schools worth of feeds may be around 15,000,000 at most, Kshs 10,000,000 will go to things that are unrelated to feeding program, taxes and profits of these people. Mr. Speaker, I want to agree with my Chairperson and this is the reason as to why I want to implore upon the Members, that we support this Report to help us in developing estimates that will meet the needs of our people.

Hon. Speaker, I am seconding this Report because, the way the Chairperson has brought the issue of Machine-based Program in making our roads. We have for sometimes been implementing the Machine-based Programs, and out of those experiences we have agreed, that the money for Machine-based Programs should only be used for opening and grading of roads. That means that the money we are appropriating should directly go to procuring of fuel for our Graders and our Excavators. We have realized that we used to have some money for murraming and culverting but, still they were contracting this money. So, there is no difference from what we are running from. If they are still contracting with this money, then we would rather keep this money and contract the murraming and culverting of these roads as we do with any other money that we are having. So, Hon. Members, the money that we are appropriating for Machine-based Programs, is strictly for fuel for our Excavators and Graders, and should only be used for opening of roads at best.

Hon. Speaker, we had suggested as the Budget Committee, that we have a challenge with Construction of our ECD Centres. The cost that is required by those who are doing procurement exceeds what most of us have been appropriating given the limited resources we are having. We had suggested like we are doing with ECD Feeding Program, that the money for Construction of

ECDs can also be send to these ECDs as capitation, and then they can do construction of these ECDs using labor based. This is is something that we intend to pilot and will inform Members which Ward to pilot with.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I want to thank the Committee for agreeing, that apart from Construction of ECDs, what is more important is our kids need teachers in these ECDs institutions. I have said this over and again, and I want to applaud my brother Hon. Lumumba has been mentioning this. Again, I want to thank this House that we always approve Kshs 205,000,000 for Bursaries and Scholarships and these bursaries majorly go to secondary schools and tertiary institutions. But we tend to forget that the role given to counties in the Constitution 2010, was on VTCs and ECDs. That has made us forget that our ECDs really needed teachers. We had pleaded over and again but now it has been agreed, that for Kshs 68,000,000 we are going to have 200 teachers and 70 instructors recruited.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, these 200 teachers will make sure that the 681 schools we have in Kisumu County, will have at least one teacher that is employed by the County Government of Kisumu. I want to bring to your attention, that for example in Nyakach Sub County; we have close to 72 schools that do not have teachers employed by the County Government of Kisumu. In Seme we have close to 42 schools that do not have teachers employed by the County Government of Kisumu. In fact out of all the Sub-counties, it is only in Kisumu Central and Kisumu East that have all their ECDs with at least one teacher that is employed by the County Government of Kisumu. We do not want to be biased to other Sub-counties like Kisumu West and Nyando and that is why we are requesting that this House approves these Estimates as proposed by this House Committee so that we have 200 teachers and 70 instructors hired for our institutions.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I want to agree with the Chairperson again, that we are privileged as a County that we get assistance from KISIP. Mr. Speaker, this is not small money, it is close to Kshs 830,000,000. Mr. Speaker, without knowing how this money is spread across the different Wards within the City, we might be unfair to other Wards in other issues of sharing of revenue that we are going to raise. If we can know the exact list of how the Kshs 830,000,000 is shared amongst the Wards in Kisumu, then we can know what other Wards are missing and then we can balance that with the revenue we are raising as Kisumu County Government.

(Hon. Okombo spoke off the record)

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I know the Hon. Member for Manyatta “B” will always complain because the Member is having close to eight roads that are being tarmacked. And yet Hon. Boitone’s Ward which is equally in the City, I am not sure why it is not having even a single road that I have seen being mentioned. But if that can be clear, we cannot have things shrouded in mystery, because some people believe that if it is done that way, then they benefit more than others. Mr. Speaker, even if you are getting a the entire Kshs 830,000,000 in one

Ward, we need to know and we appreciate and then we plan for those other Wards that did not get anything. So Hon. Members, with those many remarks, I second the adoption of this Report and I implore on Honourable Members to equally adopt the Report. Thank you so much Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that a Motion Adoption of a Report on the Budget and Appropriation Committee, on consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2024/2025 and the Medium Term have been moved by the Chairperson of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation and seconded.

Honourable Members, as per the provision of Kisumu County Assembly our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question. And I propose that the Motion Adoption of a Report by the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation on consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Financial Year 2024/2025 and the Medium Term is open for debate.

Honourable Members, as I do propose that question, I want to refer ourselves to Page 162 of the Order Paper, and in that page, there is a Notice Paper for attending Business for the Thursday 26th June, 2024. This is published pursuant Orders No. 36(1) and I read,

“that it notifies to the Select Committee on Assembly Business, at its last meeting approved the following pendentive business to appear in the Order Paper for Thursday 27th June, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. and you have seen the...

Sorry, refer to Page 161, on the Notice on limitation of Debates. Honourable Members, I pardon that you refer to Page 161 not 162. And that the House resolved on Wednesday 21st February, 2024 as follows:

“That pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 95(1) of the Standing Orders, this Assembly orders that each speech in a debate on a Report of a Committee, Statement Paper or any other Report submitted to the Assembly be limited as follows; a maximum of 3 hours with not more than 20 minutes for the mover in moving and 10 minutes in replying and a maximum of 5 minutes of any other Member speaking except the Leader of Majority party who shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. That the priority be accorded to the Leader of Majority party in that order.

Honourable Members, what I am trying to raise is that, whenever you stand, kindly note that we will give you five minutes so try to ensure that all your statements are within 5 minutes except for the case of the Leader of Majority.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Vincent Jagongo, I had noticed you.

Hon. Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me also to thank the Select committee of Budget and Appropriation for a job well done. Mr. Speaker, allow me to say the following:

Mr. Speaker, under Lands Urban Development and Physical Planning, I want to thank the recommendation for having Kshs 15,000,000 to help support in the management of the 5 Municipalities that we have. Mr. Speaker, these Municipalities were gazetted last year October. Mr. Speaker, from last year October to this year June, nothing is going on under those municipalities. The reason being, they do not have money to manage the municipalities. They do not have money for their meetings, development and to pay staff that work with them in those municipalities.

Mr. Speaker, on Education, the VTC Instructors and the ECDs teachers, if you look at 2015 until now, we have close to nine years. So in the last nine years, the County Government has never employed any VTC instructor or any ECD teacher. So I want to say that the number that is going to be employed that is the 200 for the ECD Teacher and the 70 for the VTC Instructors will go a long way in ensuring that our ECD pupils get quality education. Mr. Speaker, I just want to remind the County that when they will be employing these VTC instructor and ECD teachers, let us have the face of Kisumu County. There should not be this issue where you find when employment is being done in Kisumu County; there is only two or one Sub-county that is considered for employment. Let the VTC teachers, if possible let them come from the Wards that they are going to work in....

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, if it is two per Ward, let that one be seen, so that we be fair to Kisumu County as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, on Health Services, I want to thank the department for allocating Kshs. 165 million to support completion and handling the stalled projects within our Wards. These include the health centers and dispensaries that will be built with Kshs. 165 million set aside for development. Mr. Speaker, it is my prayer that we need to finish with construction of these dispensaries and health centres so that we can have nurses work in those facilities to support our people at the grassroot level. I want to thank the department and I know that this department will have to work extra hard to get money because almost Kshs. 800 million is expected to come from the FIF. Mr. Speaker, this department is supposed to collect this money from the hospitals and use them under FIF in this total amount given to the department for Operations and Maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the hospital will work smart to ensure that they collect this money so that it can be used to support the hospitals. Mr. Speaker, if they do not collect this money, we will have several strikes because there will be no drugs and other supporting items used in the

hospitals and even for paying electricity bills. Remember that money is left for the hospitals to look at how they can collect and use it. We are hoping that the mechanisms that the county government is going to put in place will help collect money to support these facilities to run on a day to day basis. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support the adoption of this report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you for being on time. Hon Nereah.

Hon Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I equally arise to support this report. I am a Member of the select Committee of Budget and Appropriations. I want to say that these Estimates were done consultatively and were done adequately. Mr. Speaker, I believe that almost all interests were covered and considered in this report.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that Hon Okumu who is the Deputy Chair for the Select committee of Budget and Appropriations talked of some Wards being major beneficiaries of a single donor fund called KISIP. Mr. Speaker, I do not see why the implementation of KISIP Phase Two is drawing a lot of attention when KISIP is a journey that started way back in 2014. Mr. Speaker, KISIP Phase One was implemented during the tenure of the Second Assembly. I do not know why such questions did not arise. Mr. Speaker, Wards like Manyatta “B”, I can say, have denied themselves to help this county sort pending bills. For instance, in the FY 2022/23, Manyatta “B” ended up with zero development. The Ward was sacrificed to pay pending bills when East Seme got all its development projects.

Mr. Speaker, Manyatta “B” has not benefitted from nay flagship project. Wards like East Seme are the biggest beneficiaries of the county flagship projects. Namba Kapiyo has so far received over Kshs. 200 million, just a single project excluding the construction of Ward offices. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I do not see why Members should feel jealous of other Wards getting just the same kind of development that their Wards have benefitted from.

Mr. Speaker, we know that rural Wards like East Seme, for example, are the biggest beneficiaries of the Machine-based Programme, which city Wards rarely benefit from. Mr. Speaker, I want to urge that Honourable Members should be considerate of Wards that have been sacrificed to give services to other parts of the county, Manyatta “B” being one of them. I want to confirm that Manyatta “B” is benefiting from Kshs. 475 million of the Phase Two KISIP allocation. But, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to say---

(laughter)

Mr. Speaker, it is true we are benefiting but it is not a favour being done to residents of Manyatta “B” because they too deserve what other Wards have benefitted from. Other than Manyatta “B”, so many other Wards are equally benefiting from KISIP. Therefore, let us embrace each other and support all our Wards because in this Assembly, we are here for the entire county, not single individual Wards like East Seme. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you for being on time. Hon Rakwach.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, East Kolwa): Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to equally aria my sentiment on this report of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations. I don't want to reply just as my sister Hon. Okombo has done. This is because it is my belief that replies are only meant for Chairpersons of House Committee who are the movers of motions.

(Laughter)

(Hon. Okombo rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Deputy Speaker, what is it?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): *(On a Point of Order)* Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 89. Can the contributor on the floor substantiate if my contribution was a reply or just a contribution on my own part?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Rakwach?

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, East Kolwa): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe from the way the Member was contributing the Member was replying on an issue that was raised by Hon. Okumu the Member representing East Seme. Mr. Speaker, I wish to proceed. Mr. Speaker, I support this report this is because it touches on the Ward-based projects which were prioritized by members of the public and they are at the center of their interest. So, if this report states that, these projects are going to be considered then, it is my belief that this is a report worth supporting because its implementation will go a long way in the improvement of the livelihood of our people.

Mr. Speaker, on the same note, today, we are going to approve this report going by the mood of this House, I see this report being adopted because this is a budget on nearly Kshs 14 billion. This is the money that we are approving today so that the County Executive can implement their programs. Mr. Speaker, this is a colossal amount of money and there is a saying that goes "to whom so much is given, so much is expected". Mr. Speaker, what we want to witness is the timely implementation of these projects so that we don't accumulate a lot of Pending Bills.

Mr. Speaker, it pains me because, year in-year out we talk of Pending Bills. There is always a request from the County Treasury that we provide a vote for Pending Bills of close to Kshs 1 billion. Mr. Speaker, what contributes to the accumulation of pending bills is the late procurement of projects. Mr. Speaker, if by 30th September we can have the Procurement Plan then, I am aware that by end of December, all the projects shall have been procured and contractors will be on site.

Mr. Speaker, I want to beseech the County Executive and these are to the departments that are going to implement these projects, because we have the report, and we are aware that they know the projects that are expected to implement. Let these departments commence the development of the Bills of Quantities (BQs) immediately so that, by the time the Budget Book is out, it will only be the procurement that these departments will be undertaking. So, that they don't inform the Honourable Members that they are still in the process of preparing Bills of Quantities (BQs).

Honourable Speaker, when it comes to Bursaries and Scholarships. This House is approving Kshs 205 million towards Bursaries. Mr. Speaker, remember last fiscal year this House again approved Kshs 205 million at a time like this. Mr. Speaker, to date, these amounts have not been disbursed and the benefiting pupils are at home. So, Honourable Speaker, it is meaningless for this House to again approve this amount towards this program and again next year at a time like this, the bursary shall have not been disbursed. Mr. Speaker, I really implore the County Executive to ensure that by February and by the time the Bursary Committees award bursaries to the beneficiaries, these funds are there at the Education Fund Account so that these monies are disbursed on time.

Mr. Speaker, on FLOCCA, I want to implore the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change to avoid use of literature and narratives. Mr. Speaker, some of the project titles were misleading and difficult for even the Members of this House Committee to comprehend. Mr. Speaker, there was a project titled as “*Integrated, Degraded Land Restoration Management*” Mr. Speaker, if it is Land Reclamation, let it just remain as land reclamation and they should include mechanism that will be used to reclaim this land other the use of this deep literature. Mr. Speaker, I support this report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Caren Ajwang'. Honourable Members, because of seniority let me give Hon. Samuel Dede...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Serjeant-at-Arms department, can you please ensure that all the microphones are working.

Hon. Dede (MCA, North Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker for recognizing me as a senior Member of this House. Mr. Speaker, it is prudent that the Kisumu County Appropriations Bill has been brought to this House on time.

Mr. Speaker, being that the Kisumu County Budget Estimates FY 2024/2025 was prepared early enough, I have a tough time understanding how these development projects were distributed. Mr. Speaker, in Kisumu County we have thirty-five wards and there was no equal distribution of projects within these electoral wards. Mr. Speaker, you will find that in some of these wards there are allocations of up to Kshs 20 million. Mr. Speaker, take for example the Kisumu North Ward where I represent. While other wards go as far as being allocated Kshs 28 to Kshs 30 million, I don't know the criteria that were being used to allocate these resources.

Mr. Speaker, secondly, this concerns the allocation of Pending Bills which is on page nineteen of the report. There is a proposed allocation of Kshs 1 billion which has been allocated to defray pending bills. Mr. Speaker, if you do your interrogation, you will note that these pending bills were not verified. Mr. Speaker, a list of verified pending bills should have been brought to this House indicating such amounts are to be paid on such projects. Mr. Speaker, if you computed this figures well that includes other expenditure that have been proposed, if you add them, they translate to Kshs 270 million. It would have been judicious if they would have stated other projects earmarked to be undertaking with these funds.

Mr. Speaker, concerning allocations towards projects to be executed in the City of Kisumu, there is a proposed allocation of Kshs 301 million. This includes Kshs 30 million for the Completion of the Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo and Kshs 20 million for the Completion of Bridges. Mr. Speaker, you will note that, the Kshs 301 million if well computed, only Kshs 70 million has been allocated towards Education this is with regards to a Statement that has been brought here. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that Education is an equalizer, it is good because we have witnessed that 200 ECD teachers and 70 Vocational Training Instructors are going to be recruited. Mr. Speaker, it would have been sensible that while considering the deployment of these ECD teachers, I beseech this department to consider regions where we come from and not be deployed to one region which I don't want to mention here.

Mr. Speaker, as we proceed with the budget making process, because we have received the information required containing projects that were earmarked to be executed. Mr. Speaker, there is a project that was to be done in my ward; there was an erroneous caption this is because there is a road known as Kombok-Obede Junction which has been erroneously named. I request that House Committee that when they will be doing their documentation they should consider rectifying and give this project its precise name which should be Kombok as opposed Komboko.

Mr. Speaker, otherwise, if procurement takes placed on time which should be as early as January, then, let implementation follow; we will be in a better position to stir Kisumu County to the next level. Thank you, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me this chance to give my contributions on this report of Estimates and Revenues. Foremost, is to appreciate the Chairperson, Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations and the secretariat. Mr. Speaker, the budget making process was very consultative because we can see that our ward-based projects are capture in the report. Again, it is my hope and prayer that they will remain there until the last day when the period for implementation will be over.

Mr. Speaker, I am really grateful that we will be having Capitation to schools contrary to purchasing of stuff to our schools. It is my opinion that, this has earlier on been abused because

even the procurement procedures have been long. This is the only way to go to enable us manage these schools well with the ECD Center manager.

Mr. Speaker, I am equally grateful with the proposed recruitment of 200 ECD Teacher and 70 VTC Instructors. This is a noble idea. Mr. Speaker, I come from a Sub-county where we have almost one hundred plus ECD Centres. Mr. Speaker, as we speak, quite a number of them don't have ECD teachers. A case in point is in my Ward, where I have twenty-eight ECD Centres and we only have twenty ECD teachers, you image the rest of the schools don't have ECD teachers. Mr. Speaker, this came about in the year 2015 when these ECD teachers were being recruited, distribution was done per ward. If a ward has two ECD Centers, they were allocated twenty ECD Teachers. This was a very big mistake, yes it happened because I was a Member in this House and it really made other Sub-counties or wards which had a big number of ECD Centres to lose out. This is because; you could find a school having four or five ECD teachers because that ward had very few centres. Mr. Speaker, the recruitment of these ECD teachers will be an equalizer because at least we are sure that each ECD Centre in this County which is almost seven hundred ECD Centres will have at least one teacher. Say for the once which are big, you visit some of these ECD centres in this County like in the City they are so big that they would need additional one or two ECD Teacher which I believe is warranted and very important and it is my belief that the respective department will achieve that.

Mr. Speaker, on the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) Projects, just the same way they have done with FLOCCA Projects, KRB Projects are skewed. Mr. Speaker, we have ten projects in Nyakach Sub-county but none and I repeat none is earmarked for West Nyakach. Mr. Speaker, I don't know why someone somewhere could sit and do that to a ward. Mr. Speaker, this is not fair because all the Public Participation Reports are forwarded to these departments and when they are distributing these projects close to Kshs 600 million, they have to take into consideration each and every ward fairly enough. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate that, this is not fair, because now West Nyakach has zero roads. Mr. Speaker, when we are having a cake, just the same way it was done with FLOCCA, the Chairperson, Budget Committee, I really appreciate your committee because while you were in Mombasa, you had to task this department to be fair to all the thirty five wards when it comes to distribution of projects in the Water department. It is my belief that, you should have done the same with KRB Roads because, I would not have been talking like that, but it is my belief that we are still in the budget making process and this can be salvaged.

Mr. Speaker, on Bursaries and Scholarships, it is dismaying that even as we speak, the beneficiaries have not received their allocation for this financial year to respective schools. Mr. Speaker, I am very disappointed about that. Mr. Speaker, in the year 2013/2014, I am one of the champions of Bursaries and Scholarships in the House and I moved a motion and it became a law and now we have the Bursaries and Scholarships Fund. Mr. Speaker, up to now we cannot even talk in funerals because we are dismayed that as a House we are again allocation a further Kshs 205 million. This will go until July or 15 of June next year before it is remitted.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge the Department of Finance and Economic Planning and ICT to be according this program the priority it deserves so that, this fund account be funded as early as December each year so that, by January students that have been called to High Schools and Colleges can access these monies and be able to report to schools. Mr. Speaker that would really be a big plus to us as Members.

Mr. Speaker, on the KISIP Projects, I don't see anything wrong with any ward benefiting for these projects. Mr. Speaker, these are donor funded projects, it is not fair for us to stoop to that level. Mr. Speaker, right now if a donor comes to Miriu do a project worth Kshs 100 billion, is it not necessary that it be discussed and be taken to Seme Sub-county? So, it is my belief that, my brother was very unfair to the KISIP beneficiaries. So, let us be our brothers keepers, because if a project is earmarked to be done somewhere, let us be glad for the Member and that is the mood that we should be having in this House.

Mr. Speaker, on the Procurement Plan...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Omollo, your time is up. I will give you additional one minute to conclude.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker...

(Hon. Okumu rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Okumu? I believe that I had given you time and you had contributed.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Mr. Speaker, I just want to give information to the Honourable Member on the floor and this House.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo, do you wish to be informed?

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, but I am done with my contributions.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Member, this has been overtaken by events Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Mr. Speaker, this is very fundamental information.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu, for your information, there is no Member on the floor.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Owade, the Deputy Leader of Majority.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise in support of the report on the Kisumu County Appropriations Bill, 2024. Mr. Speaker, foremost, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Select Committee of Budget and

Appropriations for burning the midnight oil to bring as an elaborate report on the Budget Estimate for FY 2024/2025. I equally congratulated myself for being part of the team.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to concur with the sentiments of Hon. Vincent Jagongo where the Member mentioned on the issues to do with recruitment of ECD teachers. Mr. Speaker, this is sensible to employ a local within his/her are of jurisdiction and it equally makes economic sense for one to leave and work within the area where he/she comes from. It is also economical for someone to live and work within the area where he/she is living. So, this is something that we should embrace as Members and ensure that it is undertaken.

Mr. Speaker, on the Education Sector, I do applaud the department to have considered each and every Ward for at least Construction of one ECD Centre. That one came from the department. However, that alone is not enough; we are going to employ about two hundred ECD teachers. Some of us may not be able to accommodate all these staffs. I therefore urge my fellow Members that in the ward development at least give priorities to Construction of ECD classes. It is the basis; it is the foundation that if we do not give it as a priority, we will be climbing the tree from the top.

Mr. Speaker, I know that if you were not to apportion some money for Bursaries and Scholarships, we would be done with the ECD. But, equally important, that bursary is also helping us moreso the elected leaders to caution the less fortunate families that are not able to pay school fees. It is applause to the department and Members for accepting a certain portion of allocation to go to Bursaries and Scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, in as much as we have projects being appropriated for in our wards, I would urge that the engineers who are supervising these projects in the wards to co-operate with the Members so that they give us or assess early enough the projects caused and give us accurate or approximate Bill of Quantity (BQ). Lack of these has always brought us back. Every time and again, you find a project is done in more than three or four Financial Years that is one project. Mr. Speaker, if this is done properly by our experts; we will be doing one project and complete it within one financial Year. Other than that, I support the Bill, thank you, Mr. Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Were then Hon. Millicent will be next.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the report of the select committee of Budget and Appropriations on its consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the financial year 2024/2025.

Mr. Speaker, considering the FY 2024/2025 budget is a big document; we must commend this House Committee for having toiled and burn the midnight oil to ensure that we have a precise report. I just want to react on a few things. Mr. Speaker you have seen that more allocation has been set aside for the Machine-based project. I would like to request that this time round that, the Department of Infrastructure and Roads ensure that there is even distribution of projects in

various wards. We want to see projects done across the entire wards within this county. We do not want to see Machine- based projects being utilized in one or two wards only.

Mr. Speaker, on FLLOCA, let us ensure that it is implemented in good time so that we do not have a rush.

Mr. Speaker, on employment of more VTCs and instructors and ECD teachers, this is a plus. It is also going to bridge the gap in our ECD schools and in our VTC institutions.

Mr. Speaker, on flagship projects, let us ensure that we have them done across all Sub-Counties not only in one Sub County.

Mr. Speaker, on Pending Bills, I can remember that in the FY 2022/2023, there was a proposal that we had to forgo putting of more projects so that we could enable the County Executive to settle a big chunk of the pending Bills. I believe that it is in order for the County Executive to ensure that the Assembly is briefed on how far they have gone with the Pending Bills, how much they have paid and what they still owe to pay.

Mr. Speaker, on departmental allocations, you find that there is a skewed allocation in different departments. Putting projects in different departments should not be determined by where the County Executive Committee Members come from or whether I am the Chairperson of a particular House Committee. There should be evenly distribution of projects across all the departments.

Mr. Speaker, on Bursaries and Scholarships, two days ago we heard over the radio when most of the callers were just concerned about the bursaries. Right now, if you go through our social media networks, you will get that people are putting us on notice. I have just seen some comments. Mr. Speaker, we must ensure that bursaries are sent to schools. Otherwise, that will be the source of our downfall.

Mr. Speaker, on BQs, let us ensure that they are done on time and our engineers who are tasked to do these BQs should go to the ground so that they do what is required of them. Some of them normally sit in their offices do the BQs without coming to the ground. When the contractors are talking of the challenge of implementing these projects, Mr. Speaker, it becomes a challenge. Maybe the funds allocated are far much less than what is required to do a task. I therefore beg to support, thank you.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am equally arise to support the report and congratulating my colleagues for the job well done. I want to echo what other Members have talked about regarding the Recruitment of ECD teachers. Apart from considering where the teachers come from, currently you find that the ECDs are operational and in most cases, we have teachers who are almost doing volunteering work. I would just wish or suggest that when doing the recruitment, let us also consider these ones who are doing the volunteering

work so that we do not bring new people while leaving somebody who has been working in that school for more than even five years.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, on the issue of doing the BQs, for instance, I am a victim. I have a project that was done. The same engineer who did the BQ, when coming to hand over the project to the contractor, she was saying that the money allocated was not enough. So, it is my request just the same way Hon. Were has stated, let the contractors go to the site and confirm the level or status of these projects and moreso the projects that are supposed to be completed so that they do the right BQs. As I resume my seat, I want to say that I support this report of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on their consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that a lady from Seme has spoken, let me be biased and give Hon. K'Omudho because I have not heard anybody from Muhoroni Sub County.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Many thanks Hon. Speaker and also to my fellow colleagues. This afternoon, I am privileged as I arise to support the very good report presented by the very capable House Committee of Budget and Appropriations of very capable members. I will be very fast to utilize my five minutes allocation and I have got bullet points as listed below;

Mr. Speaker, one goes to Municipality Allocations. Hon. Speaker, this is a wonderful idea and it is well captured in the report. I representing Muhoroni/Koru Ward represent one of the Municipalities. I want to say that since the creation of the municipalities, it came with a lot of excitement and we are now going to see the results for the first time. Even if the amount is not much, I want to believe that the allocation of Kshs 15 Million per municipality would make the pathetic center of Muhoroni municipality itself look as the modern one. At least some modernity would be brought into place. It is now upon us as leaders within these municipalities to liaise with the relevant Municipality Boards so that these amounts of money are utilized accordingly to bring up the standards of the municipality. I particularly representing Muhoroni/Koru Ward, I would actually have an avenue to sittings with the board so that we get to see the improvement based on the little or much revenue which has been given from the coffers.

Secondly, I want to talk about the ECD Sector and all the allocations which have been done in good faith. Indeed, when you walk across and I also speak as the Vice Chairperson of the very capable Committee of ECD Adult Education and Vocational Training that indeed this is a very timely venture and with the inclusion of employing 200 new ECD teachers. This is a milestone. Like my colleagues have said, let priorities be given to those who have been volunteering for quite a long time within the centers without bringing total strangers as this would really demoralize everybody including the volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, the third item is also captured on the very hot debate that we had yesterday concerning the Management of Cess Fees. My polite request is that even as we do what we that do come from these areas whereby the cess is heavily collected. I believe that it is time that the department should be very serious with the so called Cess and probably remove this and ring-fence these funds when collected for the purpose of improving the road networks in those areas like my senior colleagues mentioned. Let us ring-fence these funds coming from the cess so that the people who produce may actually also benefit from the same. I say this because today we have nothing in the sugarcane growing sector; we have got nothing to show completely despite the heavy cess revenue that we realize and channeled to the County Government.

Mr. Speaker, the allocations to the Wards for development. Indeed, this is a good thing. Besides, as was properly explained by the Chairperson of the Select committee of Committee of Budget and Appropriations that all the allocations to Ward Development shall be taken care of. Yes, indeed, this is important but, let it be in proper language. Well systemized and captured. We want to see the real development being done, not the shoddy contracts work. As we speak, they are lined up for payments. Some even never completed these projects but, you will be surprised that the files are being finalized for payment. We need proper projects done, and things that could be seen, things that shall remain in place for prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, lastly is on the allocations towers Bursary and Scholarships, again, we are walking into the month of July. These people have not realized anything. Just like my colleagues have said, it becomes pathetic. These days, we do not easily attend burials; we do not even attend weddings. Any moment you rise up, people will shout at you aimlessly because of what is beyond us. Can't these things be taken care of so that we have the courage to face back our electorates?

Finally, on the KISIP Projects, I am a beneficiary in the Muhoroni/Koru ward, I do not know; there is much wrangling of my colleagues in the City. I am yet to see the projects, we are waiting for the launch period, the launch we did. We are waiting for the launch so that I may be able to support. Very good report, many thanks Hon. Speaker and I support the report once more.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Leader of the majority.

(Murmurs)

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is no Standing Order stating that I should talk last. I rise to contribute; first and foremost, I want to thank the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations for the long journey they have taken with this Budget making process for us to reach this stage.

Hon. Speaker., I want to start with an item that has not been contributed onto by any Member. That is the extra allocation that was received by the Assembly; the Kshs 170 Million for the refurbishments of the New Ultra-modern County Assembly which is under construction. I want

to thank sincerely the Speaker and the Clerk who engaged the Senate so that we get this extra funding. It is not easy but, through their intervention, we managed to be allocated an additional Kshs 170 Million. So, I want to thank your office once again and that of the Clerk.

Mr. Speaker, secondly, this report has made me realize that some Members like Hon. Seth Okumu are doing good work as was mentioned by Hon. Nereah. I believe that is a plus on the side of Hon. Seth. At least it is coming out from this report that some good works are being done.

Hon. Speaker, I want to talk about Education Sector and I want to request that Members to be very keen. That is because, we are lamenting that we are not providing solution. Hon. Speaker, we have had problems with the bursary. However, I want to inform Honourable Members that, the requisition has been done to the Office of Controller of Budget for the disbursement bursary this week. So, hopefully next week we will have bursaries in our schools. But, I want to suggest to the Chairpersons of Finance and Economic Planning Committee and Committee of ECD Adult Education and Vocational Training that we should invite the two departments for a discussion. In addition, this is my suggestion that any time round that the County receives allocation; a given amount should be taken to the bursary account so that it can be paid on quarterly basis.

Mr. Speaker, thirdly on the Scholl Feeding Programme, I support the Capitation. Let the money be sent directly to our schools. It is my belief that if this is done, it will reduce the bureaucracies that is normally witnessed there which eats into a lot of money.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Recruitment of ECD teachers and the VTC Instructors, I concur with this. However, I have done an average of two hundred teachers divided by thirty five wards and I believe that ECD teachers and instructors are transferable so there is no need of one area taking a huge number of teachers and instructors, we should spread it, if it is five per ward, let ECD teachers be recruited five per ward so that each ward has equal number across.

Mr. Speaker, on the Preparation of a Procurement Plan, I support the recommendation made by the Budget and Appropriation Committee that let the department develop Procurement Plan and it be forwarded to the Assembly by 30th September and end by January 2025 and if any contractor has not gone to site, let that contract be terminated. Mr. Speaker, I want to request the Select Committee on Implementation to take note of this so that we ensure that contractors go to site on time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to request the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations that, there is an item that is not clear to us, the Kshs 150 million that is allocated for the Moi Stadium. I believe that when you are replying, kindly inform this House where it is domiciled or which department so that we know how to do the oversight. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I have been in this process and I fully support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Ajumbo.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker for considering me, I've been standing since. Mr. Speaker, I equally arise to support the motion from this House Committee on the report of the various programs for the different department, I say yes with a few reservations here and there.

Mr. Speaker, I want to look at the areas of Education just like my colleagues have said. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to employing ECD teachers, if it can be considered in the ward level so that we do not have one ward employing 50 teachers and another ward is left with one or two. If there could be equity when it comes to employment we would appreciate.

Mr. Speaker, apart from the issue on education, let me not repeat the issue of bursary because last week, the Leader of Majority promised that in one week's time, the Bursaries will be disbursed. Today, the Leader of Majority is still promising that in another weeks' time not forgetting that one week is a short time. By next week I don't know if the Leader of Majority will talk about another week, so we hope by next week the issue of bursary will have been sorted out.

Mr. Speaker, again, on the issue of Education, when it comes to development projects, Mr. Speaker, this financial year, most of our wards that had allocated money for construction of ECDs have not done. The main problem was on the Bills of Quantity (BQ). The preparation of these BQs cuts across from the constructions of ECD classrooms, to Roads, Health and all the other departments. Mr. Speaker, it is my opinion that we need to be informed about the BQs like we are now passing the budget. Mr. Speaker, already the money is allocated, yet we expect the department to come up with the BQs when someone has already proposed that the construction of a classroom would cost Kshs 2 million. Mr. Speaker, you expect that the classroom to be completed with two million and at the end of it all, the BQs have not been done, yet the money have been allocated. We still have a lot of issues when it comes to BQs and we need just like one of the Honourable Member has suggested that the Department of Finance and that of Education should come together and sort these issues out. I also suggest that the Department of Finance and that of Infrastructure and Roads and all those other departments, they need to sit down with so that we sort the issues of the BQs because as we have said it time and again that, most of the problems were not done because of the BQs were either lowered or the prices were quite low.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Machine-based Programme, just like we said last time that this Machine-based programme. Mr. Speaker, we are still allocating funds for Machine-based programme and there's no proper work plan to execute these programmes. Mr. Speaker, we will still see programs like funerals being given allocations with money from Machine-based programme. So if this House is not serious about Machine-based programme, that we keep

allocating money to and when you call the department to come and explain how funds for the Machine-based programme has been used, there is no proper explanation given this financial year and it has just gone like that. Mr. Speaker, funds that were allocated for roads were not done under Machine-based programme is gone, now we are starting again. In that area, Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is a little bit disappointing. Otherwise, I do not wish to repeat what has been said.

Mr. Speaker, on FLOCCA projects, some have not yet started, yet we have been informed that by September, these projects should have been done. We are in the month of June which is ending and July and August remaining yet no work has been started. The projects under FLOCCA, BQs have not yet been done. So, if we are not careful we may not beat the time for executing these FLOCCA projects. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Bill Oliver, being the only independent Member in this August House.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank you for acknowledging that I have been standing since we started this debate, I have been up and down but I am now happy that I have been given this opportunity to at least share my views on the same.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the report but of course with a few reservations because Mr. Speaker, if we look at history, we are coming from a system where we only had one parliamentary system and now we have the devolution which will be helping our people. If you look at the report which I am very thankful for the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation for having a good report, you will realize that in everything that we have in this budget, development is getting small amount of money.

Mr. Speaker, I was looking at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development and again I was looking the department of Trade. Mr. Speaker, I looked at the amount of money we are locating for the Department of Medical Services and you will realize that in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development where development should be done, a lot of it where we should be getting a lot of food where our people from Kisumu county can get massive employment and also in trade, where we can give our people of Kisumu county enough allocations to ensure that they at least have investments and maybe improve on their businesses. Mr. Speaker, you realize that we've given too much to the department of Health but then we've forgotten the Agriculture and Trade Sectors. Mr. Speaker, I know for sure, if we forget the sectors of Agriculture and Trade we are not going to have enough food and that will translate into many people visiting the hospitals. So it is my belief that as Kisumu County, we should concentrate a lot on empowering our people by doing so, they'll have food, good health and a small population will be visiting the hospitals.

Mr. Speaker looking at the Education sector, until now, we have not received bursaries and scholarship. Mr. Speaker, if you go to our wards, people think that it is the MCA who gives out the bursaries and even now, if you look at the ground, they are becoming hostile because they feel that it is the MCA who has refused to disburse these funds. So, as we pass this budget, I want to believe that this House Committee should recommend that in the next allocations, the money that is given to the counties, priority should be given to bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank the County Government because this time, we are focused on employing additional ECD teachers and VTC tutors. It is sad that what we've been having in this county because we realized that in all the ECDs we don't have many teachers employed and we've ended up having more volunteers in our institutions and not having people employed from the county government. I'm asking this assembly that, after we have passed this Bill, we should give priority to those who have been volunteering. We have people who have been volunteering for more than 10 years. The board that is doing employment should visit all the schools in Kisumu County and ensure that those who have been volunteering and should also look at the period that they've been serving so that they be considered because these are the people who have been helping Kisumu County run even without teachers employed by the county government. So, I support and I believe that as the Vice-chairperson, of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, we are going to work on a system so the next budget, the Chair budget will be able to take into consideration most of our proposals....

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Bill Oliver, please wind up.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Mr. Speaker, the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations should help us so that we give more allocation to the department of Agriculture and I am also saying this on behalf of my Chair so that we end up meeting the Maputo Declaration where the Agriculture Sector is expected to be allocated 10% of the County Budget and I believe with that, Kisumu County is going to have enough to feed its people. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you Hon. Okoyo for remembering the super MCA. Mr. Speaker, I want to support the report and say that I am also happy that the County Assembly is going to domestic CESS Act for proper administration and utilization of CESS revenue and the fact that we are also going to have new 200 teachers for ECD is also a plus.

Mr. Speaker, the Kshs 25 million that is also allocated for the School Feeding Program is also a plus and the fact that it is going to be transferred to ECD centers for proper utilization of the funds, sums it up. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I suppose the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, being the last person to speak, let me be as brief as possible. Mr. Speaker, let me start by supporting the report and I also want to applaud the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee for the work well done.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to say this, this House Committee has done a tremendous job and I am happy when I heard the Chairperson emphasizing and assuring the Members that the Ward-based Projects are going to be prioritized on areas which as we know because of the financial constraints. I am happy because I have seen the list, the annexed the ward based projects are listed.

Mr. Speaker, what I want to ask the Chair is since he stated that we do not have enough finances to make sure that all the wards get projects equally that is if it 20 million, let it be across all wards.

Mr. Speaker, another area which I also wanted to commend the Budget and Appropriations Committee is the ECD Sector and that is to say the recruitment of ECD teachers and VTC Instructors as well. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members you remember very well, this is one of the areas which had come before my House Committee (Labour and Social Welfare) through a Statement. Mr. Speaker, I remember that this was sought by Hon. Odari and as a House Committee we deliberated and tabled this report and if this is going to resolved then the anxiety which the statement had, I believe that it is going to sit well with the other Members because I remember there were some ECD teachers who were to be recruited but that exercise has caused some anxiety in the county.

Mr. Speaker, I am also happy to hear Honourable Members talking about the Bursary and Scholarships. I want to ask the Members, that this morning I gave a notice on the issue and as it is the norm in this House, I believe next week we are going to discuss this Motion and see how this problem of bursaries can be sorted out. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Carren.

Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the select Committee on Budget and Appropriation under the leadership of our able Chair Joachim Okech for the work they have done. Honourable Speaker, there are some projects I had proposed to be placed under City but fortunately I have seen them placed in the Department of Water and Sanitation. I therefor request this House Committee to take notice of that.

Mr. Speaker, this report has good recommendations; yesterday I moved a motion on the Matter of Cess Deductions on the Sugarcane Farmers in Nyando, Muhoroni Sub County. One of the recommendation was as a Subcounty we should have a Policy or Regulation Guiding the Utilization of Cess in Kisumu county and without that Mr. Speaker, there is no way the Cess collected from the sugar belt regions can be ploughed back to maintain the roads and as Assembly we should start working on that because yesterday, my colleagues from those areas were very furious and they were not happy with my report. But today, I want to repeat this, unless we have regulation or policy then, funds collected cannot be ploughed back. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to call upon the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Joachim, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Joachim (MCA, Kondele): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have heard a raft of contributions and recommendations made by Members emanating from the report. Some of them are just comments and those applauding some of the recommendations that we made as a House Committee and I also want to thank them. I would to reply on some of the issues or reservations raised by Honourable Members during the debate

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Jagongo was proposing the employment to represent the face of the County and by that, they meant that these employments come from the ward level and they also ensure that they are locals. Mr. Speaker, I also support that and I believe that as a House Committee we will make recommendations but I believe that it will fit further with the House Committee that is equally charged with doing relevant services to be able to help.

Mr. Speaker, one thing that Hon. Jagongo said that I want to emphasis is the support offered to the hospitals to be able to collect funds. Mr. Speaker, remember I earlier stated that out of the money that was given to the hospitals Kshs. 800,000,000.00 will be collected through the FIF and therefore there was a proposal and of course we have to be very careful on how we are going to implement it but if we really have to help our hospitals to be able to be self-sustainable we must help them in other areas of fees and charges that will be implementing on these hospitals. Mr. Speaker, I therefore want to bring to the attention of the Members that remember we had proposed to collect Kshs. 3.6 billion as a as Own Source revenue for the County and that will be clearly given outlined during the Finance Bill. As we try to support the Estimates today, let us have in mind that in financing our budget apart from what we are getting from the National Government in terms of Exchequer, what we are getting from the Donors, remember that as a County we have proposed to get Kshs. 3.67 billion and that will later be outlined in our Finance Bill. Let us have in mind that we have decided to let the hospitals to stand alone and they will be able to collect their money, so I hope we shall consider them at that time.

Mr. Speaker, on the KISSIP, I will be very careful not to enter into the war between Manyatta “B” verses East Seme. I want to remain neutral because I have here my sister and on the other side I have my in law and that I am really trying to remain neutral so that I can go back home happy and I can always continue visiting my sister.

Hon. Rakwach gave positive complements and I also agree with the Member that under the recommendations, the naming of the FLOCCA projects were in a very weird way. It was even impossible to develop BQs based on the naming of the projects. Therefore, we had sent back the document so that they are able to professionally name the projects to be done under FLOCCA and that does not change the framework of the projects that we were given.

Mr. Speaker, on Bursaries, it is all over all the Members that there should be timely release of the bursaries. Mr. Speaker, I also believe that the relevant House Committee together with the Committee of Finance and ICT, needs to come up with a framework of how this money can be dispersed as early as possible.

Hon. Dede was asking for the Detailed Payment Plan of the Kshs 1 billion for the Pending Bills. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy that the Member did attend our Sectoral Committee Meetings in Nairobi because we did invite him as Chairperson of Water and I believe that the Member was present when the list of the core decrees and all the legal fees and all other pending bills that was accumulating to over Kshs 5 billion was presented. Of course I do agree with him that we now need to know that since we are appropriating Kshs 800 million, what did they pay for the one billion that was given. I believe that in due course, we shall be able to provide the list to the Members.

Mr. Speaker, I did say that out of all the money allocated to the City, we were only able to give a breakdown of Kshs 70 million and I just want to respond to him by saying that we were only giving highlights. We are only mentioning areas that we have made recommendations, areas that we have made a little bit of changes but the mother report remains the same. Therefore that is why I mentioned a few of the city but there Operations and Maintenance and their Personnel Emoluments still remains the same and nothing will change.

Mr. Speaker, on poor caption/naming of roads in Hon. Dede’s ward. Mr. Speaker that was stated and that the naming of Kombok Road shall be corrected.

Mr. Speaker, I also agree with Hon. James Omollo, the Member was grateful for the money that was going to the school as capitation and that is a recommendation that we all agree. We also agree on money for recruiting of ECD teachers. On the skewed nature of the KRB roads. Again, of course as a House Committee we did try to correct the skewness on FLOCCA projects but of course his ward has been left out. Yesterday before we finalized on few reports, we did have the opportunity to write back to the County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure and Roads and I believe that was in the presence of the County Executive Committee Member for

Finance on the issue of KRB. I have attempted to explain to Hon. James that maybe the reason the County Executive Committee Member tried to give us little bit of a small allocation to his ward but of course I do agree that should not warrant small allocation to West Nyakach but the County Executive Committee Member for Roads was explaining that because on machine based programme they did do a road in his ward there is close to 8 kilometers. So the Member feels that their is need to re-allocate the money to other wards but I still believe that fairness should imply and I am very sure that Hon. James before we conclude on the report on the Bill tomorrow there is something that will be done on this. We don't want to be unfair to the Members of West Nyakach.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank Hon. Owade for commending the committee for doing a good job.

Mr. Speaker, no the Bills of Quantities (BQs), the Chairperson of Infrastructure and Roads Committee is just looking for and at least the Member has had all the complaints. Some of these BQs are just not near to accurate. The engineers don't go to the ground, so they prepare BQs without the required information. Contractors are given work but they are not able to do and that was coming out during a deliberation of different sectors and I believe that this time round we are able to correct the projects that are to be completed by December as we talk about.

Mr. Speaker, I also agree with Hon. Were that the issue of the Pending Bills list has to be provided to this House detailing how much has been paid, how much is left.

Mr. Speaker, the Skewed Departmental Projects; we have attempted to correct this. I know that there are always attempts to skew the projects based on where the Chief Officer, where the County Executive Committee Member comes from and probably some even happen where the Chairperson of that particular Sectoral Committee comes from and that is why we had written back to all these County Executive Committee Members so that they attempt to spread the projects across and not skew them based on where the different chairpersons are coming from.

Mr. Speaker, on Scholarship, we believe that this needs to be paid in time, we equally think that this should happen. We also mentioned something on timeliness of the BQs and the engineers to go in sight. I support that.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank Hon. Vitalis; on the Cess issue we all agree that a Policy document needs to be done to guide the ring-fencing of funds from the sugar-belt areas and a regulation to operationalize the plough-back mechanism.

Mr. Speaker, the Leader of Majority also raised an issue here which is very key. On the issue of the Kshs. 150 million for Moi Stadium, I want to make it very clear that in our report that money has been appropriated under the Department of Sports but in our final report which is on the Bill the money shall be domicile under the Department of Roads and Infrastructure and not even City had been proposed before. The Governor has a lot of confidence under the Department of

Infrastructure and therefore he is seeking the support of the Members that we allow the Construction of the Moi Stadium to be domicile under the Department of Roads.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank Hon. Ajumbo for the positive compliments. We also agree on the employment of all these additional ECD teachers. It is a concern that we should spread it across. Also the issue of the bursaries should be to be sorted. Machine-based programme is not properly functional and Hon. Ajumbo feels that why are we continuing funding this programme?. We all agree that there are issues of machine-based programme as much as it is a very good programme and since we feel it is a very good programme but with very many challenges on the implementation part and that is why we had to reduce the amount from over Kshs 90 million to Kshs 40 million. We took away Kshs 51 million from the department so that they are able to sort the issues of implementation before they ask for additional fund probably in the next budget. Therefore, I have to ensure that Hon. Ajumbo that as a House Committee we have done something and we have reduced the money.

Mr. Speaker, on FLOCCA which is a Conditional Grant and these are transfers that are made and therefore I want to ensure the House that as we speak there are funds that have come and these funds have special accounts whether the funds are transferred. Therefore the Counties will not lose the money. The monies have been transferred to the relevant accounts and therefore the process of procurement process will take place. Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that the advertisement has been made and I believe that the process of procurement has begun and I hope the contractors will be able to respond appropriately.

Hon. Bill is asking this County to endeavour to achieve the Maputo Declaration but the Member happens to have asked that as I was seated next to the Chairperson of Roads and the Member was making a joke that do we give Hon. Bill the Maputo or we give him a road. That was on a lighter not. But I agree with you that we had promised that in future we endeavour to reach the 10% Maputo Declaration and that is why we are very keen on our report. We are gradually increasing the money allocated to Agriculture. Of course they did ask for few monies for their Operations and Maintenance which we have granted them half of what they had requested and I believe that probably in the Supplementary Budget we shall continue to gradually add more money to that particular department.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kizito just gave us positive feedback and the Member believes that this House Committee has done a good job and I want to thank the Member for that.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Okoyo has also applauded this House Committee and the Member is also insisting that the Recruitment of additional ECD Teachers be very fair and it has to represent the face of the County. These teachers must be very local. Timely payment of bursaries which is cutting across.

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure Hon. Carren that the misappropriated project that has been put under the department of Water and Environment will be corrected so that it appears under City as the Member had indicated.

Mr. Speaker, one last comment which I want to inform the Members is that they have to take note. Members of this House are very normal Members but they are very sly and they reason why I am saying so is that in our list, these projects from Public Participation, some of the members had indicated a raft of projects from public participation undertaken but there are very many projects then they write the amount as Kshs 20 million. So if you look at the list that we probably have, the projects are very many but the Members have indicated Kshs 20 million. So, I know we are going to do something since we had agreed that it should be Kshs 20 million per Ward. I believe that during the compilation of projects by our technical team there was a slight oversight and since we had printed it we noticed that as we were doing our last analysis together with the team from the County Treasury and we realized that Members had indicated in the Ward-based project Kshs 20 but if we look at the tabulation of the projects they are actually not Kshs 20 million, some are Kshs 28, Kshs 25 and Kshs 30 million. So, Members expect calls from the County Treasury so that we are able to attempt to correct that to be fair to all the Members. If we had agreed that each ward to be allocated Kshs 20 million then, let it be Kshs 20 million because we don't want to answer to questions of unfairness.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to fail to mention the Kshs 170 million Additional Allocation to the County Assembly. We really have to thank you Mr. Speaker and we want to ask you for your intervention. We really needed this money and I hope that before we complete on the Bill, we are able to have the document because we want to furnish that Assembly.

Otherwise I am very grateful to the leadership of the Assembly, all the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, it has been a very long journey and I am very grateful to the Members of the Assembly. We've had interactions with all the Chairpersons, secretariat and the other teams outside the Assembly. I want to thank them for walking with us towards this journey and I ask them to support and help us approve all these recommendations. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Motion of Adoption of the Report of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation on its consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the FY 2024/2025 has been moved seconded and debated upon. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Report of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation on its consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the FY 2024/2025 is hereby adopted today Wednesday, 26th June 2024 at 17:24 hours.

Honourable Members, the adoption of this report now means that we can proceed with the Kisumu County Appropriation Bill, 2024 and I direct that the Chairperson of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriation and the concerned Members and staff proceed to the next level which shall be the introduction of the Kisumu County Appropriation Bill, 2024. I believe that during the statement time the Leader of Majority had made some statement regarding the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 27th June 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 05.26 p.m.)

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