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The House met at 11:01 a.m. in the County Assembly Chambers

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nzilu Nzioka) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

(The Sitting was suspended for thirty-eight (38) minutes)

(The House resumed at 11:01a.m. after being adjourned for thirty-eight (38) minutes during the morning Sitting)

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Christopher Nzilu) in the chair]

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, Good morning once again and welcome to the continuation of our sitting. Clerk confirm whether we have quorum.

(Clerk- at-the table confirmed that there were no quorum)

I direct that the quorum bell be rang for five minutes.

(The Quorum bell was rang for five minutes)
(The Deputy Speaker consults with the Clerk-at-the Table)

Clerk, confirm whether we have a quorum.

(Clerk- At-the table confirmed that there were still no quorum)

I direct that the quorum bell be rang for further five minutes.

(The Quorum bell was rang for further five minutes)

Clerk, confirm whether we have a quorum.

(Clerk- at-the table confirmed that there was quorum in the House)

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Clerk. May we resume our business.
Next order!

MOTION

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON COUNTY BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF KITUI COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL
2025/2026

(The chairperson, committee on Budget and Appropriations)

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mary Ndumbu, what is your point of concern?

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: Mr. Speaker, the Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriation is nowhere to be seen.

The Deputy Speaker: What is the concern?

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: We want to go through the Budget now.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Okay, we have heard your concern. Hon. Benjamin Mulandi.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to raise my concern. I am concerned the same way Hon. Mary Ndumbu is concerned. That the Committee on County Budget and Appropriations is not serious with their work. We cannot be here on additional sitting to go through the document but the committee that is supposed to ensure that the business is conducted is nowhere to be seen...

The Deputy Speaker: Point of Order! Hon. Mulandi, we are not on additional sitting. We are still in our first sitting, the morning sitting. You can continue.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Thank you for the correction, I am saying that the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Committee on County Budget and Appropriations are nowhere to be seen. We are here to transact a serious business...

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Sergeant-At-Arms look for the Chairperson and Vice- chairperson, Committee on Budget. Maybe something happened to them. Are you done Hon. Mulandi?

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: I am not done.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Proceed.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Yeah, the Members are here to transact the business. The document before us is very vital as members of County Assembly. So that we give our people who elected us a budget for the next financial year.

So, I want to beseech the members of Budget Committee to be serious with their work that they were placed in the Committee to do. Thank you.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo stood in his place to give information)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): who are you informing?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: My neighbor, Hon. Mulandi.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Do you want information Hon. Mulandi?

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to be informed, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Hon. Sylvester, kindly sit down.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo stood on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): What is your point of Order, he is already done?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Mr. Speaker, how can the Hon. Member from Mutonguni; whom we were together at Mutonguni when we were doing public participation concerning this budget, as a member of budget Committee and the chairperson of that Centre. And again, we were with him at Mutomo for seven good days during sectoral consideration of the budget.

Is it in Order for the Hon. Member to insinuate that we are not serious having wrote this document! This is a serious Committee with a Vice-Chair who is able. Tell the Hon. Member that he was not nominated to the Budget Committee. He is not worth to be in the Budget Committee and therefore he should concentrate with his Committee since he is never serious.

Mr. Speaker, if it were a committee on rearing beards, he could be a good chair. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sylvester, you are out of order but the Hon. Member had already finished. You cannot order him. Hon. Members, let us be ready to proceed to the next business but before then Hon. Maundu Katumbi, had requested for an opportunity to speak. We give you one-minute Deputy Minority Whip.

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, since my senior has talked about the Budget. Let me rest my case because I wanted to be hash on the Vice- Chairperson, Committee on Budget because I think she is not serious with her work. If the work was delegated to her and the bell was rang for ten minutes and she was not there.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore want to urge your office to guide her so that she doesn't fail us next time.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Thank you, Hon. Maundu Katumbi. Hon. Members, let us not make it a practice, if you have a business either to lay a paper or move a motion...I want the Vice- Chairperson, Committee on Budget to hear this, Hon. Sylvester sit down.

(Hon. Sylvester took his seat)

It is important Hon. Members, you know when you delay, it shows some disrespect to the other members and colleagues. Like what Hon. Maundu Katumbi has said, the bell was rang for ten minutes and we read the Order paper. Then the person who was supposed to move the motion was nowhere to be seen.

Hon. Members, every time a member has a business to do in the house. Let us be on time in respect to our Standing Orders, our House and the other colleagues. The designated member, kindly proceed.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to move motion on adoption of report by the Committee on the County Budget and Appropriations on consideration of Kitui County Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025/2026. That pursuant to the Provision of Section 131(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 as read together with the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Order No.186 (3) b, and 206 (6). This Assembly hereby adopts the report by the Committee on the County Budget and

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Appropriations on consideration of Kitui County Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025/2026. Laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 24th June 2025...

(Hon. Jeremiah Mutua stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Just a minute, what is the concern Hon. Jeremiah which cannot wait for her to move the motion?

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, in fact she is moving a motion if I am not wrong.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Yes.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: My concern is that in your morning ruling, your ruling was we adjourn the sitting for around thirty-eight minutes. so that we can be furnished with the document for perusal and I have quoted your words that you said.

Our able Vice- Chairperson is moving very well but we haven't been supplied with the document!

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Hon. Jeremiah, I think you have a duty to go and pick it from your pigeon or rather from the Clerks at the reception as you enter the House. Vice-Chairperson, Committee on Budget, please proceed.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am sure that every member has this document as we had requested in the morning. So, we have the upper page which is written the County government, Number two we have the table of contents, the annexures, the list of tables up to page 4. You continue at page five on abbreviations and acronyms.

Then page one, we have preamble. I think we are all there. I want to start on page 5, where we have composition and mandate of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee because we have composition of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this is the Second County Budget and Appropriations Committee that was established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 186 (4) to serve the period remaining to the end of the Third Assembly.

As currently constituted, the Committee comprises of the following Members;

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| 1. Hon. Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Jacquelyne Cate Kalenga | -Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga | -Member |
| 4. Hon. Bonface Mukwate Katula | -Member |
| 5. Hon. Sylvester Kithaka Munyalo | -Member |
| 6. Hon. Malinga Munyao | -Member |
| 7. Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara | -Member |
| 8. Hon. Kyalo Kimuli | -Member |
| 9. Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka | -Member |

We can go to page 8 on acknowledgement.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee, I wish to express sincere gratitude to the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the County

Assembly for their unwavering support, guidance, and facilitation throughout the budget consideration process.

Their commitment to upholding institutional efficiency greatly contributed to the timely execution of this statutory responsibility within the framework of the Assembly Calendar, culminating in the successful completion of the process within the set timelines.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee further extends its appreciation to all Honourable Members of the County Assembly and the various Sectoral Committees for their critical input and constructive deliberations. The recommendations they submitted on sector-specific budget proposals were instrumental in guiding the Committee's final position on the Estimates.

The Committee is also indebted to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management, and all other CECMs for their valuable insights and clarification both during the final submission stages and the Sectoral Committee engagements respectively.

Notably, the voices of the public and key stakeholders expressed through memoranda and during county-wide public participation forums significantly shaped the Committee's recommendations on the budget estimates report.

Mr. Speaker, lastly, I wish to acknowledge the dedicated staff of the County Assembly who served as the Committee's secretariat. Their technical expertise, logistical coordination, and professionalism were vital in compiling this report and supporting the Committee in its oversight role.

It is, therefore, my singular honour and privilege on behalf of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee to table this Report together with its recommendations, for consideration and adoption by this Honourable House. Signed by Hon. Hon. Jacquelyne Cate Kalenga, MCA Vice Chairperson, County Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, we can move to page 10 on overview of the county budget estimates for FY 2025/2026. Mr. Speaker, The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year (FY) 2025/2026 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 129 of the PFM Act, 2012. The total proposed County budget for both County Executive and the County Assembly amounts to Kshs. 14,117,492,454. Mr. Speaker, can I ask Hon. Sylvester to continue on my behalf for five minutes please?

The Deputy Speaker: No. he cannot continue on your behalf. What is it Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga?

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: I am losing my voice, I need to take water.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo walks towards the dispatch box)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Christopher Nzilu): Take water and proceed, don't take the house for granted. We cannot adjourn again Hon. Members. Just a minute Hon. Sylvester, I need to consult the Clerk-At-the table first.

(The Deputy Speaker consulted with the Clerk-at-the table)

Hon. Members without much ado, I am guided and the Standing Orders are being sought that you cannot have another person move a motion on your behalf unless you give notice two hours before the session starts.

So, that is how I am guided, if she is sick. We will have to adjourn, maybe there are other things we don't know apart from the business before the house.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): What is it, Hon. Munyalo?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Thank Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I request the Chairperson to listen to this because I need to be guided. Mr. Chairperson as you have been informed. We also need to read the Standing Orders, we need also to know Standing Order prohibits an Hon. Members when he is moving a motion from appointing another person to move the motion on her behalf if he/she is not okay since this house is guided by rules.

Mr. Speaker, we should understand Hon. Kalenga, there is something she cannot say here. Maybe she is not feeling well, maybe she is on something, may be she wants to change something in the washroom. And Mr. Speaker, the business of the house has to proceed. Nothing can stop the house from proceeding with the business when she excuses herself out of the Chamber for five-minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I am a ragging member and I can continue reading the report. Mr. Speaker, read for us the Standing Order which denies her the right to request another person to read the motion on her behalf. Because there is nothing in our Standing Orders that prohibits her from appointing someone to proceed on her behalf.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Just a minute, before we proceed further, Hon. Kalenga, are you able to proceed? We can adjourn, we still have next week. We can do this business next week, in any case, it is the house business.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: We can continue but I will be short and brief please, if you allow me because we have the document with us.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): You should just continue Hon. Kalenga.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): In fact, nobody who is asking you where you are reading and where you are not reading.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you...

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Just a minute, Hon. Members, we want to proceed with this business and the mover is unwell. So, we don't want take much of her time. Are the issues which you are raising very burning Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi and Hon. Jeremiah Mutua? Because now we have already a got a way forward. That she is ready to proceed and you are still asking for opportunity to speak. That should have cured everything because you cannot go back to the same issues...

(Hon. Jeremiah Mutua stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Okay, what is it?

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, I want this to be understood very well. While we were here, an excuse was given that because of time, let us proceed. We allowed ourselves to come back and we were issued with the documents, the documents are here.

Mr. Speaker another issue touching on health, I don't know whether it is true or not true is coming up and she is my friend. Mr. Speaker, these Hon. Members who are sitting here are very serious people. And Mr. Speaker, the notion that the document be read briefly or maybe touching here and there. It is a direction that we are not going to accept.

Mr. Speaker, this document is very critical, this is a Budget, if this Budget Committee is not serious or they are not ready to read this document; we can adjourn the House. Mr. Speaker, we want the business by the Committee be transacted the way it is supposed to be transacted without excuses, without pushovers.

We want that business to be transacted the way we have been doing it for the last three financial years. And if that is not the case, we adjourn the house. We are very serious legislators and we are here to listen and to make decisions.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mbuno, what is it?

Hon. Erastus Mbuno: Mr. Speaker, allow me at least to evoke the Standing Order No. 102, on irrelevance and repetition. You tend to understand that my brother Hon. Jeremiah was just given this document some minutes ago while in the Chambers.

So, when you making ruling, please don't consider his submissions. Simply because having him not read it is not a prerequisite of you making decision on whether to proceed or not to proceed. So...

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mbuno...

Hon. Erastus Mbuno: So, I think he is irrelevant, if he has read, he has not read. Allow *Mheshimiwa* to proceed...

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua (Spoke off-record)

Hon. Erastus Mbuno: It is here, Hon. Member, is reading what has been provided to us. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Order! Hon. Members, I think we have already resolved that issue. Can Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga proceed please?

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, page ten, overview of the County Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025/2026. Mr. Speaker, the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year (FY) 2025/2026 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 129 of the PFM Act...

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Order! Hon. Members, allow the Hon. Member to proceed.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Can I proceed, please?

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Kindly, allow the Hon. Member to proceed.

(Laud consultations)

She is able to speak herself and she has already spoken for herself.

(Hon. Mary Ndumbu stood in her place)

The Deputy Speaker: So, Hon. Mary Ndumbu, you are insinuating that we adjourn the House and we come here after the financial year has ended! We also need to be serious, Hon. Members. Why are speaking on her behalf? She is here and she is proceeding. Proceed Hon. Kalenga.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, I am audible enough?

Hon. Members: No!

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kalenga, please address through the Chair and proceed. Don't engage members directly.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year (FY) 2025/2026 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 129 of the PFM Act, 2012. The total proposed County budget for both County Executive and the County Assembly amounts to Kshs. 14,117,492,454...

(Several Hon. Members stood in their places and consulted with one another)

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, let us be seated please? Hon. Members, it is a great day today, a day when the people of Kitui are waiting for the budget to be passed before the financial comes to an end. It is a very unfortunate incidence whereby the mover in the midst of moving the motion has fallen sick and she cannot proceed.

Hon. Members, this is a house which stands on its own Standing Orders. I am guided by Standing Order No. 47(2) and for the purposes of clarity I will read "save for a special motion, or rather except the motion before the house is a special motion, a member who has a motion standing in his or her name may authorize, in writing, subject to the approval by the Speaker of such authorization within two hours before the next assembly sitting another member to move the that motion in the Member's stead".

That is where we are now, except in writing, two hours before the sitting with the authorization of the Speaker, can authorize another member to proceed in his/her stead.

At this juncture, Hon. Members, you will allow me five-minutes before I pronounce myself...

(Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi stood in his place)

Kindly Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi be patient, be orderly. I am still on the floor and I will request the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip and who is the senior most in the Minority side to approach the Chair. So, that I can make a final finding.

(The Deputy Speaker consulted with the House Leadership)

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, our Standing Orders are silent on what happens when a member falls ill while moving a motion and at this juncture, I will proceed and evoke

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Standing Order No. 1 and direct that we proceed. The issue which has arisen as I was consulting both the Majority and Minority side, is on the issue on who will move the motion.

There was discussion between the Majority Whip and the Minority Whip. Considering the hierarchy of the assembly and both been members of the Budget Committee. I will direct that the Majority Whip takes over from where Hon. Kalenga had left and we proceed with the business and so, I direct

(Consultations)

(The Deputy Speaker left the Chair)

(Hon. Fastina M. Solomon took the Chair)

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker *((Hon. Fastina M. Solomon):* Yes, Hon. Munyao.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: You are very smart *(Laughter)*.

Temporary Speaker *((Hon. Fastina M. Solomon):* Thank you...

(The Temporary Speaker chuckled)

Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula, kindly proceed.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate *(The Majority Whip):* Thank you, Madam Speaker and kindly allow me to proceed moving the motion. Madam Speaker, I am on page 10 on overview of the county budget estimates for FY 2025/2026.

Mr. Speaker, The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year (FY) 2025/2026 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 129 of the PFM Act, 2012. The total proposed County budget for both County Executive and the County Assembly amounts to Kshs. 14,117,492,454.

The Estimates are aligned with the priorities outlined in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP), 2025, and seek to address the socio-economic challenges affecting the residents of Kitui County.

Madam Speaker, the FY 2025/2026 Budget is expected to be financed through three principal sources: the equitable share from the national government, conditional allocations from both the national government and development partners, and locally collected OSR. The indicative revenue projections are as follows:

i.	Equitable Share:	Kshs. 11,384,160,751
ii.	Conditional Grants and Loans:	Kshs. 1,542,637,040
iii.	Own Source Revenue:	Kshs. 1,050,000,000
iv.	Reallocation from County Assembly for	Kshs. 140,694,663
	Car loan (130,000,000) & House Loan (10,694,663)	

(The Deputy Speaker took the Chair as Temporary Speaker,

Hon. Fastina M. Solomon left the Chair)

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Madam Speaker, allow me to skip...

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): I am not madam, kindly, withdraw that from the Hansard.

(Laughter)

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*The Majority Whip*): *(Laughter)* sorry Mr. Speaker, you know I was busy reading the document and therefore I didn't notice when you exchanged the Chair. So, I am sorry.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Proceed.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*The Majority Whip*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the total County Budget is Kshs. 14,117,492,454. Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to skip because what is contained here is the report on public participation which we did and since every member has this document. I think it is good I skip to page 29...

(Hon. Rose Kathoka stood in her place)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): What is it Hon. Rose Kasyoka?

Hon. Rose Kathoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think this is a house of rules, I have a concern, I am seeing Hon. Musyoka Mbite seated at the Deputy Speaker seat. Is he in Order Mr. Speaker?

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Is he seated there?

Hon. Rose Kathoka: Mr. Speaker, that is where he is seated.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Hon. Musyoka Mbite, I Order you to vacate that seat.

(Hon. Musyoka Mbite sought permission to speak)

You can speak from there, you are out of Order!

(Hon. Musyoka Mbite vacates the Deputy Speakers seat)

Hon. Members, let us just save time and proceed with the business. We have a Budget which has a long process to go. Hon. Mukwate, proceed.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*The Majority Whip*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker...

(Hon. Sylvester stood on a point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): There is a point of Order. What is your point of order?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Mr. Speaker, Budget reading is not...any matter in this assembly. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of record, let the Hon. Member read every page for the

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Hansard to capture. This is a document which we are going to prosecute, which we are going to use in our Ward and you being elected member apart from being the Deputy Speaker, you are the MCA for Kyangwathiya West. We need this report to be captured in the Hansard.

So, that as the forty elected members, we can question it with support of twenty special elected members totaling to sixty members of this assembly. Mr. Speaker, there is no page in this document which can be deleted or failed to be captured in the Hansard.

Mr. Speaker, let us follow the Budget procedure on reading the Budget. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Thank you, Hon. Sylvester, without much undo. I will respond to that important issue raised by the Hon. Member for Matinyani.

Hon. Members, when you follow the traditions and customs and you to the Senate. They only read the executive summary, once the mover says that the topic under deliberations are captured in the report which is now a report of this house. All that report as it is and it will be and it shall be in the Assembly. It reflects in the Hansard as it is kept by the custodians of the assembly documents who are the Clerks.

Therefore, so long as the mover says, it is in the report that he/she is reading. It becomes part of the proceedings and it is holistically presumed to have been captured in the Hansard.

So, I direct that, the Hon. Member for Kanyangi and the Majority Chief Whip to proceed uninterrupted but before then, Hon. Ngoima, what is it?

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and in support of what Hon. Sylvester has said. We have seen Budget in other National Assembly and even the Senate taking the whole day reading the document. We will not rush this document...

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): You are out of Order! I had already delivered a rule on that. So, Hon. Majority Whip proceed.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*The Majority Whip*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker...

(Hon. Sylvester stood on a point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker: Point of Order against who? Nobody who is on the floor. Have just delivered a ruling. Point of Order against who?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Mr. Speaker, the ruling you make in this assembly especially about the Budget. Let them be guided by the law, we have been here for long and we are not questioning your ruling but Mr. Speaker you cannot as the Hon. Ndinguri, Former MCA for Ngomeni said, "You cannot remove written verbally", Mr. Speaker. Written cannot be overruled by what we call verbally Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this document is a document whereby if you say and today it is amended by someone and today you have ruled...

The Deputy Speaker: What is your point of Order because we are not going to the Speaker's ruling. So, you are out of Order. Hon. Sylvester, you are out of Order.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*The Majority Whip*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for protecting me because I really want to read this document to the end. Mr. Speaker allow me to skip to page 35, Specific Committee recommendation.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee invested considerable time and effort into carefully reviewing every aspect and contribution in this process. Extensive consultations were held as

Members engaged in detailed discussions on relevant matters while being mindful of available resources and the laws guiding budget making.

In compliance with Section 135 of the PFM Act, 2012, and Standing Order 214, the Committee made the following recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Assembly: -

A) The resource envelope

The Resource envelope is recommended at Kshs. 14,274,767,454 with an increase of Kshs. 157,275,000 as proposed in the memoranda by the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management.

The resource envelop is as contained in column three of the table (Revenue Estimates 2025/26) as illustrated below; table 3, Mr. Speaker allow me to read column 1 & 2 on resource envelop.

Table 3: Resource envelope

S/No	Source	Revenue Estimates 2025/26
		Kshs
1	Equitable share	
	Equitable share	11,384,160,751
	Sub Total Equitable Share	11,384,160,751
2	Grants	
	Free Maternal Healthcare	
	Compensation for User Fees Forgone	-
S/No	Source	Revenue Estimates 2025/26
		Kshs
	Road Maintenance Fuel Levy	445,098,850
	Grants from World Bank (KDSP) - Level I	37,500,000
	Grants from World Bank (KDSP) - Level II	352,500,000
	World Bank (Universal Health)	-
	World Bank (Agriculture - Rural Growth)	-
	World Bank (Emergency Locust Response Project (ELRP))	121,025,000
	IDA (World Bank) credit (National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP))	151,515,152
	HSSP/HSPS - (DANIDA/IDA)	13,601,250

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	County Aggregation and Industrial Parks Programme	250,000,000
	Community Health Promoters	58,050,445
	World Bank loan to Supplement financing of County Health Facilities	-
	World Bank Credit to Finance Locally - Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA)	205,807,064
	UNFPA (9th Country Programme Implementation)	-
	Development of Youth Polytechnics	-
	Other GOK Grants (Doctors & Nurses Allowance)	-
	Kenya Urban Support Project - World Bank	-
	Kenya Urban Support Project (UIG)- World Bank	28,400,000
	ASDSP	-
	Allocation for Court Fines	50,000
	Allocation for 20% Share of Mineral Royalties	114,279
	Subtotal	1,663,662,040
3	Own Source Revenue	
	County Ministry/ Entity	
	Office of the Governor	52,671,748
	Office of the Deputy Governor	131,497
	Ministry of Water and Irrigation	1,828,948

S/No	Source	Revenue Estimates 2025/26
		Kshs
	Ministry of Education, Training & Skills Development	131,497
	Ministry of Roads, Public Works & Transport	5,915,880
	Ministry of Health and Sanitation - Appropriation - In - Aid (A-I-A)	606,609,754

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Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation & Cooperatives	1,548,625
Ministry of Energy, Environment, Forestry, Natural & Mineral Resources	19,022,072
Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports & Social Services	452,256
Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management	169,319,821
Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock	25,958,372
Ministry of Lands, Housing & Urban Development	55,382,007

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): Hon. Boniface Mukwate, you will take your seat first so that we can have the motion to extend this sitting.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*Majority Whip*): Quite obliged.

Next Order!

MOTION ON EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTING HOURS.

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, kindly proceed.

Hon. Harrison Maluki (*The Majority Leader*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I seek leave to move motion on extension of hours of meeting. THAT pursuant to the Provision of the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Orders N0. 27 (3) a This assembly now resolves to extend its sitting time behold 12:30pm. To allow humble time to transact the business as contained in the order paper in the morning sitting on 26th June 2025.

Hon. Speaker, I want to request my colleagues that we allow this extension of sitting hours. So that we can finish the business which all of us we are aware of, which is moving the motion on Budget Estimates for financial year 2025/2026. And with those few remarks, I would like to request my friend Hon. Jeremiah Mutua MCA for Nguni to second this motion.

(Hon. Jeremiah Mutua stood and bowed to second the Motion)

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader for moving the motion and Hon. Jeremiah Mutua for seconding the motion by way of bowing. Thank you, very much.

(Question Proposed)

The floor is open for any input.

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(Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu.

Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support and request that you put the question. So that we can proceed with the Budget. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Christopher Nzilu*): There being no other member, let me proceed and put the question on the motion on extension of hours of meeting as moved by the leader of Majority Party.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Hon. Boniface Mukwate, kindly proceed and be fast.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate (*Majority Whip*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and allow me to proceed. And remind members that we are on page 37.

Kitui Municipality	95,723,622
Mwingi Municipality	51,553,901
The NHIF arrears amounting to Kshs. 121,742,201 which was not remitted to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation by close of FY 2023/24	-
REFUND OF UN-UTILISED PREMIUM PAID FOR UHC MEDICAL PROGRAM	-
Subtotal	1,086,250,000
TOTAL	14,134,072,791
Revote from previous budget	
Reallocation from County Assembly for Car loan (130,000,000) and House Loan (10,694,663)	140,694,663
% of Equitable Share	80%
% of Own Resources	8%
% of Grants	12%
% of Revote	0%
	100
Total Resource Envelope	14,274,767,454

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to go to conclusion in page 41.

Mr. Speaker, recurrent the adjustments made above maintains a balanced County budget in line with Regulation 31 (c) of the PFM Act (County Governments) Regulations, 2015.

The budget totals to Kshs. 14,274,767,454 being Kshs. 13,228,689,899 and Kshs. 1,046,077,555 for County Executive and the County Assembly budgets respectively as contained in summary of expenditure by vote (annex x).

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The budget as recommended has a total of Kshs. 4,751,800,754 and Kshs. 9,522,966,700 for Development and Recurrent Expenditures respectively. This represents 33% and 67% for Development and Recurrent budgets respectively.

The summary of recommended expenditure per program for the Kitui County Budget Estimates for FY 2025/2026 therefore appears as contained in (annex xii).

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee therefore requests this House to resolve as follows; That: -

- a) The House adopts this report;
- b) The proposed amendments to the Kitui County Budget Estimates for FY 2025/2026 as contained in this report be adopted; and
- c) The recommended budget summary in (annex xi) above becomes the basis for the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Speaker, Report Compiled by Mr. Charles N. Nyaga (Ag. Deputy Clerk of Assembly/Snr. Fiscal Analyst I), Mr. Mulandi Kavali (First Clerk Assistant), Ms. Noryene Katheu (Senior Hansard Editor II) Mr. Chris Mwangangi (Second Clerk Assistant), and Ms. Margaret Muthami (Fiscal Analyst II).

The report is hereby signed by the following Committee members:

1. Hon. Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo	Chairperson	Signed
2. Hon. Jacquelyne Cate Kalenga	Vice- Chairperson	Signed
3. Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga	Member	Signed
4. Hon. Bonface Mukwate Katula	Member	Signed
5. Hon. Sylvester Kitheka Munyalo	Member	Signed
6. Hon. Malinga Munyao	Member	did not Sign
7. Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara	Member	Signed
8. Hon. Kyalo Kimuli	Member	Signed
9. Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka	Member	Signed

Mr. Speaker, allow me to move the motion and request Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga to second.

(Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga bowed to second the motion)

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honourable Boniface Mukwate for moving the motion and Honourable Jacqueline Kalenga for seconding by way of bowing.

(Question Proposed)

Honourable Members the floor is open for debate. Hon. Daniel Ngoima.

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to air my view on the budget before us.

Mr. Speaker I have read this budget though short hours but I have seen it's a very good budget and Mr. Speaker because we want our people in our county to access development; development here is a key issue. Mr. Speaker I would ask this House to rally behind me and pass the budget as it is and as quickly as possible to actually let our people access the development as I've said and we continue working for our people. By this Mr. Speaker, I mean that we don't we don't need a lot of talking on the paper we have in front of us which is a motion.

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So Mr. Speaker kindly I would ask you if possible to put the question and we pass the budget.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ngoima Kimanzi. Hon. Sylvester Kitheka, the Minority Whip.

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I will first congratulate my chair Mr. Speaker for the job well done and the other honourable members of the budget committee Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker when you look at this budget, the only deviation is on the seven percent, if you are going through the budget... I don't need to go to the page but there's not much deviation on this budget Mr. Speaker. The seven percent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Speaker which is still allowed according to our County Fiscal Strategy Paper, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker in this budget we'll say when it came to the committee we went through it from 9:00 am to around 8:00 pm Mr. Speaker, page by page, analyzing it Mr. Speaker. It is adhering to our County Fiscal Strategy Paper. There is no deviation through it Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker with this kind of budget you also need to go to see as read by Honourable Member for Kanyangi Mr. Speaker, we can see the equitable share, the grants, the own-source revenue; that's the most important part of the budget Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker when you go to the development we are 33 percent instead of 30 percent. So we congratulate the governor for that; for increasing three percent of it Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker this is one of the best budgets we have. A good budget whereby it is touching also the wards Mr. Speaker. When you go to the roads you'll get where and wherever the MCA, the member of the assembly represented this ward where particular road is going to be done and how it's going to be done Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker on this we are still going... we have an additional revenue Mr. Speaker which we are anticipating an increment of around... if you do the mathematics of around Ksh. 256 million whereby we are going for another very soon first Supplementary Budget within the next three weeks or one month Mr. Speaker. So Mr. Speaker with this the budget saw it fit not to remove a comma or full stop the way it came the budget Mr. Speaker after analyzing everything Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker the governor through his own solomonic wisdom saw it wise Mr. Speaker to remove money. Part of your ward is in the Municipality, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Speaker the governor has done honorable thing of removing that money from the Ministry of Lands to be managed direct by the Municipal Manager, Mr. Speaker.

So we'll be going direct to the town for direct funds if we need any money from there but not going through the ministry of Lands. The ministry of lands have been left Mr. Speaker to do its own job Mr. Speaker and town administration has been left. Mwingi those who come around Mwingi, you will see your money is not in the Ministry of Lands. Totally it's in the municipality.

What we need to do Mr. Speaker for most of our towns being the eight sub-counties Migwani, Kyuso, Kauwi, Mutomo, Kyusyani, etc, we need this assembly urgently to pass a town administrative motion for those towns to have their own town administrators whereby they will get more money from the world bank and the town administrator will be the management of that town Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my town is in Kabati and direct when you question the town manager who is there and the town administrator or sub-county administrator there, he always refers you to the Ministry of Lands; minister and the others Mr. Speaker. With this we congratulate the governor for that.

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Mr. Speaker when you look at the funds for Agriculture, Water and irrigation Mr. Speaker all the wards are being catered for Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker we go to hospitals Mr. Speaker. The ministry of health Mr. Speaker, I saw the chair here. Mr. Speaker Chair of health he needs to move very fast and bring to this assembly, the FIF Bill we pass it; the Facility Improvement Funds for them to be getting money direct. In Matinyani or Kauwi hospital we need the funds to be utilized direct of collecting the SHA to be put the money direct to the hospital so that's the hospital manager and that a person can manage the funds direct. So the issue of lack of drugs and other things will be a thing of the past Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, while supporting this document as read by Honorable Katula is one of the best documents we have Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker with this I request the honorable members without wastage of time Mr. Speaker, we also need to go to our own budget Mr. Speaker. We have Ksh.100 million for development. Ksh. 50 million for construction of the office block and another Ksh. 50 million for ward offices, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the only thing about when supplementary one comes is about our own welfare Mr. Speaker. Money for international travels and money for seminars Mr. Speaker. We know the assemblies don't do implementation of budgets. Ours legislation, oversight and representation and a fourth one which is not mentioned in the constitution which is the major one of passing budget which we are doing today. This is our main job which brought us to this assembly Mr. Speaker. So Mr. Speaker if we keep and we concentrate on committee of implementation Mr. Speaker to see what the ministries have done Mr. Speaker and the reports be brought to this House Mr. Speaker, this will be one of the best budget Mr. Speaker. With this I may request honorable members Mr. Speaker to allow you to put the question and we pass the budget and that will be the best thing we can do for this Assembly and for our County, Kitui, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker with this, I totally support this. Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honorable Sylvester when you have time go and read County Government's Act, Section 8(c). It provides for the roles of the County (Assembly and one of them is to approve budget and expenditure for the county government. So it is still written in our statutes.

Honorable Members, Honorable Majority Leader. If we can Honorable Members we have heard from a member of the committee that not even a comma was removed from the budget. So I don't know, but let us proceed.

Hon. Harrison Maluki: Thank you Honorable speaker. I raise to support this report on the budget as read by the able MCA Kanyangi and the Majority in Kitui County Assembly who is a member of the budget committee. I will not go to specifics however Honorable Speaker I will have some reservations which I would like them to be looked at going forward.

Honorable speaker if you look at the Ministry of Roads, we started with the 10 kilometers, now we are doing six kilometers. In the Ministry of Roads on grading, we started with 85 kilometers now we are at 40 kilometers. Honorable Speaker, we expect the Budget Committee to put the Minister for Finance into task that we are supposed to receive the supplementary budget in this assembly 60 days after the passage of the main budget. Honorable Speaker, I am here to represent the great people of Migwani and I am here on their courtesy. What I expect Honorable Speaker as I support these budget estimates is that, during the supplementary budget one, we collected views from the public and all over we went there was an outcry that we need to do additional funds to be allocated to road grading and also road opening. Honorable speaker as I support this motion I urge our members of the

budget committee to make sure that in the subsequent supplementary budget one we have additional allocation of funds so that we can at least get 75 kilometers for grading and also at least 10 kilometers for road opening. And if that is that doesn't happen Honorable Speaker, I think it will be a huge tussle in this assembly if we are honest with ourselves. Roads are one of the issues which are very thorny to our people as we know how vast our county is. As I finish let me congratulate all the members because this budget formation process we have all been involved as a County Assembly. We started with the public participation we went for the whole House and the committee consideration of the budget and then we gave the budget committee the task to come up with the final report. Therefore I want to congratulate and thank all the members of this county assembly because this is one of our major tasks which we are supposed to be doing this assembly and finally through the chair and the leadership of the Budget Committee I really want to appreciate them for the good work they have done. They have tirelessly worked on this budget and finally today we can have this report in the county assembly.

With those few remarks honorable speaker I support this motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much Majority Leader. I can see the Deputy Minority Whip is asking for air time. Honorable Members allow me to guide as follows. Let us restrict our debates to this budget. We have committees who can address other issues in future and even now. We are either supporting it as it is or opposing it. So, let me direct as that. Honorable Jeremiah Mutua after you is Honorable Mukwayu who had requested for air time first, Honorable Priscilla then honorable Munyoki Mwinzi, then Hon. Cyrus Kisavi in that order. Honorable Jeremiah and I will allow two minutes. Clerk kindly time that. And later Hon. Kasinga. We will have another round and you remember the budget as it were it was never removed but you did not have an input. From where I sit I would have nothing to say but proceed

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker I'm very much worried by just the remark that you've just made of around two minutes (18:17) Mr. Speaker...

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, Honorable Jeremiah I have directed that because the House has to be guided by some rules which I have already directed but kindly proceed. Just proceed with the budget. You could have been somewhere now instead of opening my ruling

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker I feel like just walking out because Mr. Speaker I cannot come to on the front of the House and I cannot debate Mr. Speaker. What is two minutes Mr. Speaker and this is a budget Mr. Speaker?

The Deputy Speaker: It is a budget but we don't have the whole of the year to speak on it. If you are not taking your time you can donate it to another person honorable Jeremiah

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker I donate.

(Hon. Jeremiah Mutua left the Chambers)

The Deputy Speaker: Honorable Mukwayu.

Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will utilize my two minutes by first of all actually thanking the committee and meanwhile allow me also to thank the government for the budget which is coming to an end because Mr. Speaker we passed it and we know what happened. The implementation period was a very limited but at least the government has done a lot to ensure that most of the planned projects were implemented. I would urge that whatever remained the government will find time and actually execute.

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Meanwhile Mr. Speaker, going through the budget, the budget has separated the municipalities from the ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Therefore Mr. Speaker de facto it implies that we have to create a committee that will oversight this I urge the House leadership to move in speed and create that committee thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honorable Alphonse Mukwayu. Hon. Makumi.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for the air time. I think I will use mine and Honorable Jeremiah's time. Now Mr. Speaker I want to join my fellow MCAs to support this budget. I think it is the first time for our Assembly to have peace when we have budget. We need peace in our county and we need peace for our government. Mr. Speaker Sir we need peace for the...

The Deputy Speaker: No. Proceed to the budget issues before the House. Don't address other issues which are not...

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: I stand guided Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Deputy Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Please I started to support so that we can give our people this budget because they are waiting for it. So Mr. Speaker I request you put the question everybody has read their part. Where I was I was concerned is about the ministry of environment where they talk about sand basins and I have seen everything is already inside. So thank you. I support.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Honorable Munyoki Mwizi.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you Honorable speaker I think I will use less than two minutes. I will start by first of all congratulating the committee on budget, the Vice Chair of the budget despite all the challenges she has really tried her best and I want to congratulate her for the effort.

Mr. Speaker also allow me also to congratulate you Mr. Speaker even if Mr. Speaker in the morning session so many things happened but you applied the solomonic wisdom and guided the House accordingly. So I have to thank you for that Mr. Speaker. This House as far as it is it's a House of rules it is also a House where debates happen Mr. Speaker. And we are politicians and the politicians do debate, Mr. Speaker. So I thank you for that.

Mr. Speaker I support this budget and as I support it, I want to echo the words of other honorable members that during the supplementary budget it will be wise for the executive and also with consultation with honorable members to consider adding more allocations to roads, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, infrastructure is the most key development factor in a county like this one. A very vast county Mr. Speaker where we lack a lot of things in terms of infrastructure and the main infrastructure that can develop our county is roads. So it will be prudent as we agreed the other financial year, to put a lot of effort on health, we can equally consider putting a lot of effort on our roads Mr. Speaker. Those are the only part of the development that our members can acknowledge. Otherwise Mr. Speaker I support the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. It seems you were following the lights Honorable Kasinga member for Mumoni ward.

Hon. Titus Kasinga: Thank you Honorable Speaker. Honorable Speaker I stand to support the motion on the county budget for the year 2025-26 as moved by the Honorable Katula and I stand to say Honorable Speaker this, the financial year 2025-26 is very important for this county. When you look at it the 4.7 billion shillings that we are supposed to spend on

on development and the needs that we have Honorable Speaker you realize it's not a very big sum of money. But I want to call on very much on the onset that this money should be prudently used. Should be prudently applied. It is one thing to pass a budget and it's another thing to have it implemented in the right way. We have faith in the governor we have and his executive that they'll do what is right and I want to appreciate one effort that they have made Honorable Speaker. The decision to grant Mwingi and Kitui municipalities the opportunity to spend their finances, manage their resources; what they are located is quite laudable, is unprecedented and it is something that to give these municipalities to be able to plan and do things and meet the needs of those people who are within those municipalities.

However, Honorable Speaker I would pray that in the future that the budgets for the two municipalities be increased more particularly Mwingi which is given Ksh. 28 million as the development vote so that they can be able to... When you look at Mwingi it has grown just virtually like Kitui the way we are, the Kitui municipality here. And so I would vouch for increment for those allocations for the two municipalities so that we see more development in those areas.

Honorable Speaker what has been said about roads by the majority leader and the colleagues that we have, others who have spoken before me, it is true we cannot assume anything about the issues to do with roads. Roads are very important. I come from a ward that virtually there are rivers and there are mountains that run across. We are so much in need of roads Honorable Speaker. And so for that case, I want to agree that we need to go back to the 10 kilometers.

The Deputy Speaker: Kindly wind up. Your time is up.

Hon. Titus Kasinga: Yes, Honorable Speaker I'm doing it. It's so hard to finish within two minutes for me but I'm doing it. That we need roads in Mumoni. It's a hilly place you have been there Honorable Speaker and many members have been there. The 10 kilometers we had been given are quite good for us. If it goes to six then we are not so happy. We pray that in the supplementary budget one things will change and improve, go back to the very normal things.

Honorable Speaker I congratulate the committee, I congratulate the leadership even Honorable Zack Syengo who is not here, who is the chair and is away. We need to appreciate him together with his committee members. Thank you Honorable Kalenga, Honorable Mukwata and the members. We appreciate the work they are doing. Honorable Speaker thank you. We all want to join hands. In the future Honorable Speaker let us not waste many more time like you wasted in the morning. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honorable Kasinga for constraining yourself within the two minutes. We had said that Honorable Cyrus would be the next however, we have a Deputy Minority Whip who was requested for airtime. Following our Standing Orders and the order of precedent Honorable Cyrus you will allow us to grant his two minutes then we come to you.

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir I stand to support the motion one because the budget has a proposed Kshs. 750 million for the community level infrastructure development programme which is CLIDP, Mr. Speaker. That one is the one of my main reason why I support the budget. Also Mr. Speaker I support because the budget is proposing an enhanced lighting of the county towns with the solar lights, that is security lights Mr. Speaker.

My only request is because they have given opportunity to different ministries to perform this duty Mr. Speaker, I want them not to not to make it different because some are

metallic solar lights others are concrete. Let the let the ministries do the same projects so that they cannot be different from the others

Mr. Speaker also another point is about the Ministry of Roads. They have separated the dosing for in-House and for contracting. By contracting Mr. Speaker we have seen they have they are doing it in all the wards at the same time. So there is no delay in service delivery. With those few Mr. Speaker I support the motion.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honorable Boniface Maundu, member for Kyangwithya East. Honorable Cyrus.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Thank you Honorable Speaker for accommodating me. I rise to support the motion. Honorable Speaker, I begin by applauding the Committee on Budget for the good work you have done, going by the short timelines, and the work delivered.

Honourable Speaker, I wouldn't dwell much on the budget, but would request that moving forward, when this House passes a budget and appropriates monies for the Executive for work to be done across the county, It is also imperative that we see seamless implementation of the budget.

Honourable Speaker, there is a committee in this House called the Committee on Implementation that, Honourable Speaker, in my view, I think it is dead and buried, because I've never seen...

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Cyrus let us restrict ourselves to the budget. We are not discussing committees.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Hon. Speaker, I am on the budget. I am talking about the implementation of the budget.

The Deputy Speaker: We are not debating the implementation. We are debating whether we are allowing this budget...

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Implementation of the budget and the budget are one and the same thing, Honourable Speaker. You'll excuse me.

The Deputy Speaker: So there is a motion for implementation before this House today, that you are debating? That's what you are telling this House.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Honourable Speaker, I will not withdraw that, but issues and others...

The Deputy Speaker: Nobody who told you to withdraw. There could be a motion on implementation on the House that you are debating, and that is just what I asked you whether it is there, so that you can take the line you are taking.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I stand guided. Moving forward, let all the departments do monitoring and evaluation for every department so that we can have a seamless execution and implementation of the budget. Thank you, Honourable Speaker and I believe implementation of the budget is important.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Cyrus Kisavi, Member for Ikanga/Kyatune Ward. Hon. Sammy Muniyithya, Member for Kivou Ward.

Hon. Sammy Muniyithya: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. First, I thank the Committee on Budget for doing a good job. I also need to thank the Office of the Speaker, for the good job which has given us time. Actually we have even gone to our community. We have interrogated the budget. That is why some of us don't need to talk much because we know what is inside. The only thing I might need to mention as we talk about the today's motion is that every departmental committee now should be responsible to go and push the relevant departments to make sure that this budget is implemented.

I know the issues of roads is a thorn in the flesh. Actually, the kilometres have gone down. I know at department level we will be able to achieve more kilometres. This is because I know the executive has the will to work for the people of Kitui. So there are those things I know we will be able to handle at the committee level. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to support the motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Sammy Muniyithya, Member for Kivou Ward. Hon. Ndambu Mulandi, then the last one, Hon. Mary Mutune.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Thank you Speaker for giving me airtime to add my voice on the document before the House. First one to congratulate the committee on Budget and Appropriation for the documents that they have given this assembly. It is a nice document. I'd also thank the Office of the Speaker and the clerk for making sure that we have the document on time. I have just a few observations on the motion before us.

One is that I'm happy that we are making some notable strides towards increasing of our own source revenue. As you have seen, we have now an estimate of Ksh.1 billion that we are looking forward to collect as a county. So we have made some notable strides from Ksh. 585 million that we had projected last year, which we have surpassed by some Ksh. 200,000. So it's a plus to us. I want to applaud the Minister for Finance for making some steps to have us increase the own source revenue. However, we can still do better than that.

Another is that I want to thank the Ministry for Water, the Ministry for Roads. They have tried to give us itemized budgets where they are putting monies, in which wards, in which projects. For example, I've seen in my ward, they have captured the stalled projects of Kwelate, which has been stalled for a while.

I've taken members there two times to go and see the project. I have also noted that there are some boreholes that are being equipped with solar pumps and disilting of dams in Mutonguno Ward. So, I'm saying it's a plus to us for those two ministries.

The Deputy Speaker: Your time is up.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Mr. Speaker, I am just winding up.

The Deputy Speaker: Yea, kindly wind up.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Okay, thank you. So mine is saying that the two ministries have done well. Ministry of Roads, Ministry of Water for giving us itemized projects. Now we can make a follow-up on the issues. And also as members said, that we put to task the ministers in various committees so that we can have this budget implemented. We have done our duty as members of the County Assembly, and now it's the duty for the executive to implement the document for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the airtime. I support the budget.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Gabriel what is it?

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: Honourable Speaker, from the mood of this House, is that everyone is supporting this budget and therefore, Honourable Speaker, I beg you, just put the question, because we all supporting this budget. We do not have another opinion.

So, kindly, Honourable Speaker, please put the question, and let's proceed to other businesses.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I've heard you. That being the mood, the members are still requesting for airtime. What is it, Honourable Sylvester?

Hon. Kitheka Munyalo: Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to attention that we have 23 members in the Assembly, and Mr. Speaker, it's only 15 who are elected. Other 25, Mr. Speaker, who are elected are not here, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, we need to thank our nominated MCAs.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sylvester. You are out of order Hon. Sylvester. Kindly take your seat. Hon. Mutune.

Hon. Mary Mutune: Thank you Hon. Speaker I support the motion, and I donate my minutes to Honourable Jeremiah. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: You said what?

(Laughter)

Hon. Mary Mutune: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I said I support the motion, (8:13) and I donate my minutes to Honourable Jeremiah. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mbuno

Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno: Thank you very much. I also wish to support the motion and donate my minutes to Honourable Jeremiah.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, there are no issues. During the first reading of the bill, there will be more time to debate and speak into this budget, because budget-making is a continuous process. However, Honourable Jeremiah, you donated your minutes. I will not allow members to donate back, because already you had your time, and you did not take it.

Therefore, Honourable Mbunu, you are done. Honourable Boniface Mukwate. Honourable members, in all aspects, I have to be fair as far as I can.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have listened to members being the one who has moved the motion. It has come to my attention that us as elected members, we are hands on the issue of roads. Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm the amount for the Ministry of Roads, which is Ksh.958 million, and I want to believe, Mr. Speaker this is the time the Ministry of Roads has gotten the biggest allocation.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Mbunu, you spoke to it when you urged members to support. You can only thank them.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate: Yes, and I am concluding, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker: No, you are going to the issues of the budget.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate: Okay, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to bring it to their attention, and also, Mr. Speaker, allow me to bring to the attention of these members that last, that is because we have not yet crossed to the next financial year, that the case against the money for fuel levy was won by the Council of Governors, and the money is still there for this financial, Ksh. 445 million, and still, for this allocation, for this financial year, we still have another Ksh. 445 million. So, I believe, from my side, we will be having enough money.

So, I take this opportunity to thank the members for supporting the motion, and thank you, thank you, thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Members we have come to the end of that session. Therefore, clerk, Next Order!
ADDITIONAL COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTING

Yes, Honorable Members, we were to have an additional sitting at 12:30 pm and since we are past that time, the motion is going to have the additional time moved to 1:30 pm. Majority Leader, kindly proceed.

Hon. Harrison Maluki: Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for this opportunity. I seek leave to move motion on additional County Assembly sitting; that pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly of Kitui, Standing Order Number 27(3b), this Assembly hereby resolves to hold an additional sitting today, Wednesday, 25th June, 2025 at 1:30 pm. This is to allow the members of County Assembly adequate time to prosecute the Kitui County Appropriations Bill 2025, County Assembly Bill Number 2 of 2025.

Honorable Speaker, I think you have made it clear that this sitting was supposed to be held from 12:45pm, but because we have not finished the business, that is why we have changed it to 1:30 pm. Therefore, I request you, Honorable Members, we support this motion. We have this additional sitting so that we can execute the Appropriations Bill, 2025. Honorable Speaker, with those few remarks, I would like to request Honorable Kasinga, MCA for Mumoni to second this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Titus Kasinga: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I stand to second the motion as moved by the Majority Leader on the extension of time for the purposes of the Appropriations Bill.

Honorable Speaker, it's very important that we dispense of the business that we have at hand and it's for the benefit of our people of Kitui. Honorable Speaker, I second the motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Majority Leader and Honorable Kasinga for moving the motion and seconding respectively.

(Question Proposed)

Honorable Members, the floor is open for debate. Honorable Alphonse Mukwayu, (Member for Kyome/Thaana Ward.

Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu: Mr. Speaker, I support and as you can see and all of us have been here since the morning. (We have not even broke for lunch. I support and request the chair budget and the committee to ensure that these members are well treated after this as it's a tradition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Alphonse Mukwayu, Honorable Maundu Katumbi, Member for Kyangwithya East.

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: Mr. Speaker, I stand to support and request you to put the question.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Honorable Mukwate.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support and request you because I can read your mind, you put the question so that we may break for lunch.

The Deputy Speaker: No, relax. Hon. Munira Mohammed.

Hon. Munira Mohammed: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kindly put the question. I stand to support.

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(Hon. Cyrus Kisavi stood on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker: What is the point of Honorable Cyrus Kisavi?

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Honorable Speaker, is it in order when Honorable Katula alleges that you can read your mind?

The Deputy Speaker: That's why I clarified that I am here to transact whatever business the members bring to the House. So I disowned his statements. Honorable Benjamin Mulandi.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Mr. Speaker, I have stood to support the motion before the House today. We have sat here for long hour since morning and the work before us is very critical for our people in Kitui County. So we have no obligation but just to add more addition time so you can transact the business and give people of Kitui County a document, a budget that you are looking forward for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Honorable members, at 1:30pm we will be having our first reading so that we can commit the report to the Budget Committee or the Committee stage.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Honorable members, during that Sitting we will proceed to first reading. So, avail yourselves at that time.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Three minutes to time.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, we are aware. So, we are going to take a very short break. Honorable members, let us be upstanding so that we adjourn for the short period.

ADJOURNMENT

The House stands adjourned until later today at 1:30 p.m.

The House rose at 1:26 p.m.