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BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL,
2020 (C/A BILL NO. 3, 2020)

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1. ANNEXURES

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1. PREAMBLE

Mr. Speaker,

The role of consideration of an Appropriation Bill is an absolute mandate of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations as provided under Standing Order 120 (5)(b) which expressly provides that;

“a County Revenue Fund Bill, an Appropriation Bill, a Supplementary Appropriation Bill or a Finance Bill shall be committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee”.

The County Budget and Appropriations Committee has thus among other responsibilities the role to consider and make to recommendations to the Assembly, the County Appropriations Bills as it would also clearly be depicted from her mandate.

Standing Order 186 establishes this Committee with specific mandate as to inter alia;

- i. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.*
- ii. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly.*
- iii. To examine Bills related to the County budget, including Appropriation Bills*

In the view therefore, it was the obligation of the Committee to review the submitted Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2020 (C/A Bill No. 3, 2020) and make the necessary recommendations for approval by the Assembly.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Budget and Appropriations as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:-

S/NO	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Hon. Boniface K. Kasina	Chairperson
2	Hon James M. Munuve	Vice Chairperson
3	Hon. Mary P. Ndumbu	Member
4	Hon. Stephen I. Katana	Member
5	Hon. Sylvester K. Munyalo	Member
6	Hon. James M. W. Kula	Member
7	Hon. Deiys M. Mukala	Member
8	Hon. Alex N. Musili	Member
9	Hon. Anne M. Mumo	Member

3. BACKGROUND

Mr. Speaker,

The Kitui County Budget Estimates for the financial year 2020/2021 was approved by the Assembly way back on 30th June, 2020 and immediately forwarded to the County Executive Committee Member for the County Treasury as required of it by the law.

It was the expectation that an Appropriation Bill for the approved Estimates would immediately follow as contemplated under Section 129(7) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. However, this was not the case but a stalemate which took almost two months to date. This had been occasioned by an express denial by the executive to comply with the provisions of the law, leading to unnecessary delay in legislation of the Bill and an outright delay in the budget implementation.

Mr. Speaker,

This almost became a replica of what was experienced in the last financial year. Delay in services to the County residents was experienced and therefore it would be prudent this time round for the County Assembly Sectoral Committees to put very deliberate efforts and commitment in ensuring that the line County departments move with haste to fast-track development and other services to recover the two months wasted.

Mr. Speaker,

The Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2020 was introduced to the Assembly by a way of First Reading as provided in Standing order 119. This was done upon an approval of a motion to reduce the publication period for the Bill from seven (7) days to one (1) pursuant to Standing Order 116. The first reading took place during the County Assembly afternoon sitting of 25th August, 2020 where subsequently, the Bill was committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations for consideration.

Mr. Speaker,

Section 129(7) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 provides

that upon approval of the budget estimates by the County Assembly, the County Executive Committee Member for finance shall prepare and submit a County Appropriation Bill to the County Assembly of the approved estimates. It is upon this backdrop that the Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2020 (C/A Bill No. 3, 2020) was prepared by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for the County Treasury and submitted for approval by the Assembly. Though the Bill has been delayed as explained above, it is envisaged to be immediately submitted upon approval of the estimates by the County Assembly, where the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall introduce the Appropriation Bill pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 211(17).

Mr. Speaker,

The Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2020 (C/A Bill No. 3, 2020), having been prepared out of the approved estimates for the financial year 2020/2021 thus is a replica of the same. The Committee therefore upon consideration of the Bill is in total agreement with the same and proposes no amendments to the Assembly. The proposed first and the second Schedules for both recurrent and the Development Expenditures in the Bill are in tandem with approved 2020/2021 budget estimate's Annex III of summary of financial year 2020/2021 budget per vote and programme (see **Annex iii** attached hereto).

Mr. Speaker,

In reviewing the Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2020 (C/A Bill No. 3, 2020), the committee utilized one Committee sitting as directed by the

Hon. Speaker to sit at the rise of the Assembly at 4.30 pm, immediately after its committal to come up with this report.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker,

At this juncture, allow me to thank the Speaker of Assembly for directing the Committee to sit and come up with this brief report on the Bill. It was prudent for the same to take place to allow time to complete this long overdue budget process. The position taken by the entire County Assembly to push for the Bill was an uphill task and a commitment to serve the County residents despite the challenges encountered. I as well do extend my gratitude to the Members of the County Assembly who for the reasons highlighted by the Committee adopted the budget report for the financial year 2020/2021 without amendments.

I will not hesitate lastly to thank the members of the Committee on budget and appropriations and the service staff for the commitment to deliver the Committee mandate as pertains the County Budget for this financial year 2020/2021.

Hon. Boniface K. Kasina

Chairman, Budget & Appropriations Committee

March, 2020

5. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (C/A BILL NO. 3, 2020).

5.1 Highlights of the Bill

Mr. Speaker,

The Kitui County Appropriations Bill, 2020 (C/A Bill No. 3, 2020) submitted by the County Executive Committee Member for County Treasury was in compliance with Section 129(7) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. The approval of the Bill will therefore be the authorization for the County Government to spend the funds as approved in the County budget for the financial year 2020/2021. Its passage is key before any expenditure is allowed by the controller of budget. Upon the Committee's consideration therefore, the following recommendations were made as contained below in this report.

6. COMMITTEE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

CLAUSES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

CLAUSES 2

THAT, CLAUSE 2 as printed be part of the Bill

SCHEDULES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

SCHEDULE I (ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE)

THAT, SCHEDULE I as printed be the First Schedule to the Bill.

SCHEDULE II (ESTIMATES OF DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE)

THAT, SCHEDULE II as printed be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

LONG TITLE

THAT, the Long Title as printed be the Title to the Bill.

CLAUSE 1

THAT, Clause 1 as printed be part of the Bill.

7. CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker,

As I conclude I will humbly urge the Honorable Members to approve this Bill which is key in facilitating the implementation of the approved Kitui County Budget Estimates for the financial year, 2020/2021 taking into account that two months are already lost and fastrucking its approval therefore is important.