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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY THIRD ASSEMBLY - (SECOND SESSION) VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH, 2023 AT 2:30 P.M.

- 1. The House convened at Thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
- 2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
- 3. PRESIDING Hon. Speaker on the Chair.
- 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Hon. Speaker made the following Communication from the Chair;

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR AS RELATES TO THE MEMBERS' CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGE FUND, AND CAR REIMBURSEMENT.

Honourable Members,

As you may be aware, there is a fund which was established in the Second Assembly through The Public Finance Management (Kitui County Car Loan and Mortgage (Members) Fund) Regulations, 2018 and as amended in 2019 called The Kitui County Assembly (Members') Car loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund.

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The Fund was established in line with Section 116 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which allows the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to establish other public funds with the approval of the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly.

Honourable Members,

The object and purpose of the fund is to provide a loan scheme for the purchase of a Car for personal use by a Member or the purchase, development, renovation or repair of residential property for use by a Member or his or her immediate family or as maybe from time to time prescribed by the Salaries And Remuneration Commission (SRC) or any other lawful authority.

Honourable Members,

Members of the County Assembly are entitled to benefit with a Car loan of up to Kshs. 2 million and a Mortgage of up to Kshs. 3 million. It is also imperative to note the following as you purpose to apply for these benefits. That:

- The applicable rate of interest shall be 3 per cent per annum, for the duration of the loan.
- Members can access a maximum value of Kshs. 5 million loan for the purchase of a car and/or house.
- iii. The Car loan and Mortgage shall be recoverable within the contract term of a State officer.
- iv. The Car loan and Mortgage is administered and managed centrally by the Kitui County Assembly Service Board within The Public Finance Management (Kitui County Car Loan and Mortgage (Members) Fund) Regulations, 2018 and as amended in 2019, and subject to the availability of funds.

Honourable Members,

Further, the SRC amongst other benefits to Members of County Assembly as State Office, accords a Motor Vehicle Reimbursement of Kshs. 2.212 million payable once in a County Assembly term for purchase of a car for Official duties. The requirements for the Car reimbursement are: -

- i. Sale agreement together with the logbook of the seller
- ii. The transaction invoice
- iii. Filled application form with a reimbursement amount of Kshs. 2.212 million
- iv. Valuation report from AA of Kenya, Regent Auto Valuers or a Government valuer
- v. That the purchase should have been done after 21st September, 2022

Honourable Members,

To this end, it is my clarion call for you to move with speed and apply for these statutory benefits accorded to you as state officers. The Kitui County Assembly Service Board has worked round the clock to ensure that sufficient funds are available for disbursement and utilization by all the Hon. Members of the Third County Assembly of Kitui.

Honourable Members,

As I finalize, I want to assure you that my Office and that of the Clerk of Assembly are open and ready to assist you in the application and access of these benefits and should there be any challenge I urge you to reach out for guidance and assistance as appropriate.

5. STATEMENTS;

The following statement was given pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 41(2)(c);

Statement request by Honourable Paul Maluki to the Chairperson,
 Committee on Health and Sanitation on the operationalization of
 Health Facilities in Kithumula/Kwa Mutonga Ward.

(Hon. Paul Maluki - MCA, Kithumula/Kwa Mutonga)

6. MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE
ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF
THE KITUI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024. (Chairperson, Committee on Budget
and Appropriations)

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 117(6) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Provisions of Standing Order No. 205 (7), this Assembly hereby approves the report by Committee on Budget and Appropriations on consideration of the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2023/2024 laid on the table of the County Assembly on Tuesday 14th March, 2023.

(Hon. Zacchaeus I. Syengo – M.C.A)

Debate Arising;

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO THE MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024 - (Leader of Majority Party)

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 51 (1), the Motion on approval of the report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024 be approved subject to the following amendments to the report;

1) <u>In page 28</u>

- a) Recommendation no. 3 under the Office of the Deputy Governor

 By rescinding the Committee decision to reduce by Kshs. 29 million, the proposed allocation earmarked for Reward to top three Ministries under performance appraisal system rank.
- b) Recommendation no. 1 under the Ministry of Water and Irrigation
 By rescinding the Committee decision to reduce by Kshs. 40 million the
 proposed allocation earmarked for Construction of Sand dams.

2) In page 31

Recommendation no. 3 under the Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation and Cooperatives

By rescinding the Committee decision to reduce by Kshs. 50 million the proposed allocation earmarked for Establishment of Aggregation and Industrial Park at the six Economic and Investment Zones.

3) In page 32 and 33

Recommendation no. 2 under the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

1. That drop the entire recommendation and replace it with a new recommendation to read as below;

That the proposed allocation of Kshs. 20 million in the submitted CFSP earmarked for land banking be utilized to purchase at least one acre of land for construction of Speaker's residence and three acres for construction of County Assembly office block within the Kitui Municipality.

4) In page 26

Recommendation no. 1 under the Office of the Governor

That reduce the recommended allocation to Community Level Infrastructure Development Program (CLIDP) from Kshs. 800 million by Kshs. 110 million to a total allocation of Kshs. 690 million which translates to an actual allocation of Kshs. 12.42 million per ward.

1) That Annex V (Recommended County Entities Expenditure Ceilings) be appropriately amended in line with these amendments.

(Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia - MCA)

(Resumption of business deferred during the morning sitting of Wednesday 15th March, 2023)

Debate Arising on the amendment,

Question put on the Amendments and AGREED TO.

Question proposed on the amended motion,

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Debate Arising;

Question put as amended and AGREED TO

7. MOTION PROCEDURAL MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY- (Leader of the Majority Party)

Motion Moved, Seconded and question proposed;

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of the Assembly Standing Order No. 25 (3) this Assembly do now adjourn its Sittings with effect from today Wednesday 15th March, 2023 to allow Members of the County Assembly time to undertake oversight exercise on projects implemented by the County Government for the period between 2017- 2022 from 20th-24th March, 2023 and further engage with H.E the Governor from 26th March-2nd April, 2023 and resume its sittings on Tuesday, 4th April, 2023 at 9:00 A.M

Debate Arising;

With no Question put; pursuant to Standing order No 25(3), the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House.

- **8. ADJOURNMENT** and the time being Twenty minutes to Five O'clock, the Honourable Speaker adjourned the House
- 9. ASSEMBLY ROSE at Twenty minutes to Five O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on Tuesday, 04th April, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

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