



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI
THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2024 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

The honorable Speaker made the following communications;

1. **COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE KITUI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET I ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025.**

Honourable Members,

Section 135(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) outlines instances in which supplementary estimates can be submitted to the Assembly for approval. These are: -

- i) Where the amount appropriated under the Appropriation Act is insufficient;
- ii) Where a need has arisen for which no amount had been appropriated by the Appropriation Act;

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Subsection (2) of the same Act mandates the County Government to submit to the County Assembly, a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for authority to spend.

Further Standing Order No. 214 outlines the procedure for consideration of Supplementary Budget Estimates.

Honourable Members,

In light of the above legal provisions, on 18th October, 2024 the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management submitted the Kitui County Supplementary Budget I Estimates for FY 2024/2025 to the Assembly for consideration.

The same was analyzed by our fiscal analyst together with the accompanying documents and below are some highlights of the findings:

- i. The main purpose of the supplementary budget is to factor in the unspent balances (Revote) from the previous FY 2023/2024 of Kshs. 1,495,093,369 as well as adjust upwards the Own Source Revenue by Kshs. 388,325,351 from Kshs. 600M to Kshs. 988,325,351.
- ii. The overall budget has increased by Kshs. 1,883,739,310 from the approved figure of Kshs. 12,956,277,438 to a proposed figure of Kshs. 14,840,016,748. This has been occasioned by factoring in the revote from the previous FY 2023/2024 as well as the revision of Own Source Revenue upwards as indicated in note I above.
- iii. In overall, development allocation is increasing by Kshs. 1,154,445,106 while recurrent allocation is increasing by Kshs. 729,294,204. This has seen development allocation, increasing from the approved

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- iv. percentage of 32% to 36%. This meets the requirements of Section 107 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.
- v. The budget does not meet the requirements of Section 11 of the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA), 2021 in that it has not included all the unspent balances from the previous year to the County Assembly. The supplementary budget proposes to reduce the revote for the County Assembly by Kshs. 100M as well as reallocate the amount that was earmarked for construction of Ward Offices in the approved budget amounting to Kshs. 33,042,008.
- vi. There are instances where there is introduction of new projects that were not in the approved budget. Regulation 39 (3) (c) of the PFM (County Government) Regulations stipulates that the purpose for which approval is sought for a supplementary budget shall be unforeseen and unavoidable, in circumstances where no budget provision was made. It is not clear whether these new projects with new allocations can be said to be unforeseen or unavoidable.

Honourable Members,

As outlined above, the proposed supplementary budget has areas that may not fully comply with legal requirements, and it projects a significantly high Own Source Revenue (OSR) target of Kshs. 988 million. Unrealized OSR could lead to increased pending bills; therefore, it is essential for the CECM to clarify the measures he has put in place to achieve this revenue target.

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Pursuant to these considerations, I hereby commit the Kitui County Supplementary Budget 1 Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025 to the County Budget and Appropriations Committee to deliberate upon and submit its report and recommendations to the Assembly for consideration. I urge the Committee to conduct a thorough analysis of the budget, engage in candid discussions with the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management on the OSR target, new project introduction and allocations not initially approved, and the revote for the County Assembly.

2. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE JUST CONCLUDED CASA GAMES HELD IN BUNGOMA COUNTY FROM 18TH TO 27TH OCTOBER, 2024

Honourable Members,

I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to all our County Assembly teams and individual participants for their remarkable achievements at the recently concluded County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games, held in Bungoma County from 18th to 27th October 2024. The hard work, dedication, and spirit of sportsmanship displayed by all teams and individual participants brought immense pride to our County Assembly and showcased the very best of our abilities and teamwork as an institution.

Honourable Members,

Kitui County Assembly participated in 14 disciplines, with key events including men's football, Volleyball men, tug of war for both men and ladies, athletics, choir and several indoor games. I applaud all the participants for

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their admirable representation of our Assembly. Your dedication and commitment throughout the week-long sporting event is commendable.

In addition to recognizing the collective efforts of our teams, I would like to celebrate the exceptional performances of individual participants who earned accolades in various disciplines:

1. Hon. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno, emerged as the champion in long jump and took second place in triple jump, earning gold and silver medals respectively,
2. Mr. Alfred Mwalali, won a bronze medal after finishing third in the walking race, and
3. Ms. Esther Mwele, secured second position in the individual player ranking in scrabble,

Honourable Members,

Special recognition goes out to the scrabble team for their outstanding performance, emerging as champions for the third consecutive time. Indeed, we are proud of you, the Kitui County Assembly word lords.

I am reliably informed that the majority of our teams managed to reach quarterfinals. Allow me to extend my appreciation to the table tennis, badminton, draughts and tug of war teams for their spirited efforts, which enabled them to advance to the quarterfinals. Our Choir also performed well in both Kamba and Tharaka folk songs.

The dedication and determination of both individuals and teams have not only led to these impressive victories but have also set a powerful example of excellence for others. Your hard work and resilience are truly inspiring, and I am immensely proud of each one of you.

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I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the team captains and coaches for their invaluable guidance and encouragement. Your commitment behind the scenes has been instrumental in achieving these results, and we recognize the crucial role you have played in both individual and team success.

Thank you for your exemplary representation of the County Assembly of Kitui at the CASA Games. Your accomplishments have strengthened our unity and set a high standard for future events. Let us continue to build on this foundation as we look forward to even more outstanding achievements.

To those who qualified for the East Africa Local Authorities Sports and Cultural Association (EALASCA) games, I encourage you to continue practicing as you prepare to represent team Kenya in the East Africa regional games. I assure you of my full support.

Honourable Members,

Once again, congratulations to each participant for your achievements and contributions to this memorable event.

5. STATEMENT

The following statements were given in the floor of the County Assembly;

- i. Schedule of plenary Business and Committee sittings for the week ending on 15th November, 2024
- ii. Statement request on the execution of Kyangwithya East Ward in the distribution of projects/programs under the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation. (Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation)

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6. MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY (*Leader of the Majority Party*).

Motion Moved;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 (3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today Wednesday 30th October, 2024 to allow Members of the County Assembly to conduct public participation on the Kitui County Finance Bill, 2024 and resume its sittings on Tuesday 12th November, 2024, at 9.00 A.M.

(Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia - M.C.A)

Question proposed and debate arising;

7. ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Twenty one minutes past Four O'clock, the Honorable Speaker adjourned the House.

8. ASSEMBLY ROSE- Twenty one minutes past Four O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on the

Tuesday 12th November, 2024 at 9.00 A.M

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