

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 3rd March 2015
The House met at 2:30 p.m.
(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

(Hon. Joseph Ndung'u rose on a point of order)

The Speaker: Yes what is the point of order?

Hon. Joseph Ndung'u: According to the standing orders we do not have a quorum and we may transact some businesses and then deemed to be null and void due to lack of quorum.

The Speaker: Okay, Serjeant- At-Arms ring the bell.

(Quorum Bell rung)
(Several members walked in)
(Quorum achieved)

The Speaker: Ok there's quorum. I am disappointed that the whips are not here. Oh! Here he comes

(Hon. David Kabaka entered the chamber)
(Applause)

PAPERS

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 / 2014

Hon. Cecilia Gitu: On behalf of my chair of budget committee, Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to lay the following paper;-

That, the budget and appropriations committee report on the annual county budget implementation review report for financial year 2013 / 2014 be laid on the table of the Assembly.

(Hon. Cecilia Gitu laid the paper on the table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT ON THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE, AND OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE MURANG'A COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014

Hon. Anderson Muchemi: Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give the notice of the following motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the report on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance, and of public service in the Murang'a County Public Service for the year ended 31st December 2014, submitted pursuant to the provisions of section 59, 1 (F) of the county governments act 2012 and laid on the table of the assembly on Thursday February 26, 2015. I thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

MOTIONS

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 / 2014

Hon. Peter Mweri: Mr. Speaker I beg to move the following motion:-

That, this Assembly adopts the budget and appropriations committee report on the annual county budget implementation review report for the financial year 2013 / 2014 laid on the table of the assembly on February 25, 2015.

The above mentioned report was submitted to the County Assembly on Monday 29th and was submitted to budget committee for further deliberations and on November 15th 2014. The committee examined the budget implementation report on Murang'a County government. The committee at that time had invited county controller of the budget so that he could clarify some of the issues that may come up.

This is the first report that the county has come up with since the interception of the counties in the whole republic of Kenya. Some of the findings that the committee came up with, we realized that the county had approved a budget of 5.6 billion which was further revised to 5.1 billion comprising of 2.1 billion for recurrent and 2.7 for development expenditure.

The county received 3.9 billion from the national government and it collected 420 million from the local revenue. The local revenue collected from the tax payers was 420 million against the budgeted 800 million. We could not realize the target and it was contributed by the fact that there were no structures at that time, lateness to enact Finance Act and enforcement of collection was very poor.

As mentioned in the morning, we need to put our structures right so that even the collectors are motivated so that they can collect more money. Total expenditure for 2013 / 2014 amounted to 3.9 billion which comprised of 2.5 billion in recurrent and 1.4 billion on development activities.

The committee found that the failure to complete projects initiated by the local authorities which would have gone a long way in cementing the roots of devolution. Those are committee's finding after which we came up with the recommendations and some of the recommendations were that the county executive and county government should adopt IFMIS and other government recommended system so that there is proper accountability of finances.

Mr. Speaker, you realize that in those structures we cannot be able to collect the required revenues, however, we were able to collect more than what the defunct council was collecting. We felt that the county executive and Assembly to fully adopt the IFMIS for accountability and also on procurement, E-procurement so that even the document cannot get lost on the way and also payments will be much easier.

The County Executive member for finance, IT and economic planning should institute proper structures to implement the Finance Act. As I just mentioned one of the weaknesses we had last year is the enactment of Finance Act and without the Act people on the ground took advantage by not paying licences and other required fees. So with appropriate structures it will be much easier to get the expected money. For example this year we expect to collect 1.1 billion which we have not even gone half way.

We have had engagements with CEC and the people in charge, the county director of treasury and they are coming up with proper structures before we get long term structures. They have come up with the ways of even going to the shopping centres to get people pay the licences. They want to revive some of the vehicles that had stalled so that they can be used on mobility of the people who are enhancing revenue collection.

The county executive member for finance is to make sure for the formation of public participation bill, revenue bill, trade licences and others which will help to have right structures and seal loopholes that people take advantage of. We have realized that without these regulations people take advantage saying they do not know what to do.

The projects initiated by the local authorities should be identified and completed in financial year 2015 / 2016, so as to cement on gains of devolution. On this we have not gone very far and we have agreed that people will be told to give a list of the projects that stalled during the local authorities because in some areas projects were initiated and not completed. This issue has come up many times. We are going to budget for these projects so that they can be useful to our people. For example in my ward I have unfinished dispensaries and police posts and many more.

We recommended that for any program, for national government to be included in the financial year 2015 / 2016, a written authorization from the relevant ministry allowing the county to execute the program should be availed. We realized the importance of these programs, for example in education we have said primary schools are not devolved but they are very important before we support we need authorization. But before we do that we should concentrate of devolved functions like ECD and polytechnics.

Mr. Speaker those are the recommendations and you should note that the budget project for 2015 / 2016 has already started and we received the first document on 28th February 2015, which was deadline. We agreed for this year the budget will be more inclusive so that we are not caught off guard by these issues.

As I have said before in 2013 / 2014 we were all learning, the structures were not right we were not aware of the roles to play and in the process we did not achieve much as we had anticipated. We received the first document in time and it was laid on this Assembly

this afternoon and it will be committed on various committees to get input from the sectoral committees to be considered for the final document of 2015 / 2016.

We have also realized the importance of evaluation of quarterly reports. There is a report that has been tabled by finance committee so that we do not overspend. We were going through another report here last week and we realized over expenditure on some of the votes, notably advertisement, miscellaneous and entertainment and we realized if we could address such problems on quarterly basis we would curb over spending. That is one of the things we want to concentrate on so as to move in line with the budgeted figures.

There is a delegation that went to Rwanda to learn about the automated systems and we want to bring the timelines so that we can have automated system in this county even if it will be contracted from private companies, so that we can be able to achieve the revenue as per target in the budget figures

That is the report on budget implementation for the first financial year. We had a lot of challenges and I hope this year we are going to work together to realize we achieve the budget as we prepared in 2014 / 2015. Mr. Speaker I would like to call Hon. Machiri who is a member of this committee to second this report.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, without much ado I have nothing to add to what my able chairman has already stated. Therefore, I stand to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Martin Mwangi: I stand to support this report, the committee findings indicate that the county performed poorly in revenue collection and Mr. Speaker, this being a county in Central Kenya where we value land; it is not good to hear that there are no structures kept to handle land transactions. This is a matter we have addressed intensively, I am sure we have a committee that deals with land issues, I urge them to move with speed and streamline land transactions.

Mr. Speaker, in land transactions, we are sure this county will collect a lot of revenue which will be a good amount if returned to the county and they can see that whatever they pay is being used in development at the grass roots.

Mr. Speaker, I also support the Local Authority Transfer Funds, those wards which were funded by the LATF, at the time of transition Mr. Speaker, there were money that were left in accounts to complete those LATF projects.

Mr. Speaker, in my ward, there was a big hall that was under construction, but when the county government came to be, the hall is still there, 70% completed and 30% to complete the project, but whenever we try to pass the issue we are told that this is a local authority project so I am supporting this report since it has indicated that the projects that were started by former councils should be identified and allocated funds, that one will go well even in the grassroots to the people who brought us to this House and to the tax payers of this county, so that all the projects will be benefitting the people of Murang'a. It

does not matter whether the project was initiated by local authorities or the counties because the main purpose, the vision and the goal is to assist our people and they are the ones who identified those projects because they came from them through public participation. I request the committee to ensure the report is implemented.

IFMIS will control even the disorder we have now with contractors working without LPO's, IFMIS will make sure that a contract must go through the system and the system will detect whether the work was done or it wasn't.

I support the committee, if we can implement all the government financial systems, like the ones that were used by the former local authorities LIFE forms that were controlling everything in the former councils. IFMIS has replaced it and I support the committee because these programmes will assist in implementation, ensure there is no misuse and everything will be done lawfully and orderly. With this, this county will advance. Thank you

Hon. Erick Kimani: I support the motion and the report. All the measures that the committee has recommended are good in improving the status of our county. Mr. Speaker, my big worry lies on how this will be implemented. The report stipulates well on how the county government through the CEC in charge should go about in implementation but when it comes to this, it becomes a big problem; I will urge the committee in charge and the Assembly to put more pressure and see to it that this is immediately implemented. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Danson Mburu: Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this report. Like it was said in the morning, there is a problem in revenue collection. I think this is true and I think the budget committee should look into ways of sealing existing loopholes in revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker, last week I went to seek the much collected from sand in Makuyu from an officer. I asked her the number of lorries that ferry sand from the downstream and the much that is paid per lorry and the officer was hesitant and directed me to Mr. Njihia of Kenol to tell me so. I sense that there is no transparency when an officer who is receiving money on daily basis cannot say the number of lorries that pass by and how much they are paid, it is not only in sand collection, it is in many areas where revenue collection is taking place.

We need to take measures and smoothen this such that when you ask a question you can be clearly answered because there is proper co-ordination. Mr. Speaker, I think the ward administrators should also be told to keep the records straight so that something as such happens, they can be able to give the reports right away.

Mr. Speaker, on licenses, there is a big problem, the finance committee that worked on the licenses on how much to be charged from traders has not been worked properly. Mr. Speaker, I have been called by traders from trading centers in my area inquiring on the huge increase in licenses. I have been trying to convince them but I could not understand why the licenses were increased with no explanation. I think there should have been public participation so that the people are convinced or they give their views.

Mr. Speaker, there are many stalled projects, in my area they are about four, the construction took place up to the window level, rinal level and there is no follow up, it is not clear who will complete. I would ask the committee on infrastructure to go round seeing all the stalled buildings and see what they would do. Let them see, make a decision so that in the budget, they will allocate some money that will complete these stalled projects. I stand to support

Hon. Samuel Wandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion. All of us as the county government of Murang'a should know that budgetary estimates are a strong management tool. In management, if there is any tool that should not be downplayed it is the budget. It is the budget that guides us on expenditure and revenue collection. It is astonishing to note that despite the fact that we pass budgets here and you find expenditure going over 100,000, you wonder whether the provisions of the budget are being followed.

As I stated last week, the office of the chairman of the budget should be expanded down here, so that at any time of the year, it has to make the estimates with the executive, so that if the executive tries to go overboard, the office of the chairman will ensure that they enlighten them that they are going beyond the budgetary estimates although it should not even happen because we are not executers but at this point in time there is no county government of Murang'a without the Assembly. We are in that government and I would appreciate if that office is established.

Mr. Speaker, I note that there were programmes started before the establishment of this government. It is funny in the eyes of the public; we are entering into new projects while others are grounded. Mr. Speaker I do not see the reasoning behind coming up with new projects while others are stalled. I would request the budget office to allocate funds to the stalled projects first so that we can get a standing in the eyes of the public. Mr. Speaker, I request the office to be established and be given staff. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Hon Cecilia Gitu: I am a member of the budget committee and I stand to support this report that we have made in the committee. We are concerned about the usage of money in the county with emphasis on the recurrent instead of development, although we struck the required 30% we should not be comfortable, we need to put more money in development.

Efficient management of accounts through IFMIS cannot be overemphasized. As we spoke in the morning, when we start to automate our money collection the better for us. We are told that here in the Assembly we cannot properly use IFMIS because our finances come from the executive. I would appeal to the people in the County Assembly Services Board to lobby that our finances come straight from the Treasury so that we can be able to control them as we want, since when we merge with the executive their sins will be our sins and our sins will be their sins, so if we were to be given our own kitty, we will be able to stand up in managing our finances.

We are singing here about national and county functions. We keep saying that let us concentrate on the functions that run down to us; we need to stop concentrating on the national.

In the report we had with Adrian the budget controller in the county, he lamented the usage of money for functions that belong to the county government and this we are not going to be rated against, but only what have been devolved to the county. Let us put more money to where our duties are.

I am also reiterating about the stalled projects that were done by the past government. Governments are a continuity, whether government changes hands or not, there should be continuity, whether they belonged to the defunct councils, it is our work because we are the current government. As much as possible, I pray that these recommendations will be taken seriously and some of these projects have remained with 70% and only 30 % is needed and we are done with them, such that Wanjiku will feel there is no big gap between this government and the other government. That continuity will be a strength to this government if it finishes the projects. I support.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I rise to support and add more weight on the recommendation 5.4 which states that all the projects started by the defunct authorities should be identified and allocated funds in FY 2015/2016. I remember last year I requested for a statement on the projects started by the then Murang'a county council and other defunct local authorities but to date I have never gotten the response although the chair concerned requested to be given 14 working days which is past then by a month.

Mr. Speaker, as per the recommendations, I wish I will be able to get an answer from the said because those projects, not only in Gitugi ward but even in other wards across Murang'a county, they are lying idle but public money was used to initiate these projects. It would be for the executive to include, after calculating work remaining especially on police posts, nursery schools and other projects Mr. Speaker so that we may finish them up and help mwananchi

On professional revenue collection, I would request, in conjunction with the their bills related to the same, property rating bills and per the morning sitting on enhancement of revenue collection, even now we have not seen anything yet, as per the Hon. Governor's speech we are collecting between 400 and 500million that is very minimal, we can collect double that if revenue collection is enhanced and automated to seal the loopholes that the money collected is lost through. I would support the recommendations and the motion and say it is good for this government.

Hon David Muhoro: I rise to support this motion. I am impressed by the report, 4.2.1 on governance. Mr. Speaker, it is in the report that the government of Rwanda is actually...

(Hon. Kago Njoroge rose on a point of order)

Hon Kago Njoroge: Is it in order Mr. Speaker for the hon. member from Kariara to take us back to the motion we had in the morning instead of discussing the motion we have now

The Speaker: Hon Member from Kariara, we discussed that motion and dispensed with it this morning.

Hon. David Muhoro: Actually Mr. Speaker I wanted to put my words on this motion, it is only if we endorse technology that this county will move forward. In the report and recommendation, they have really advised the CEC in charge of Finance to move with technology; it is only when we change that this county will move. I support the motion and actually congratulate that committee for their good work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I rise to support this motion on this report, I wonder because in the objectives of the study for that committee, (a), is stating; to establish the status and overall expenditure and revenue. Overall expenditure for the whole government, and actually as I support Mr. Speaker, I could have expected this report to be a detailed report given that we know the challenges that are facing our County Government in terms of budget implementation.

(Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii into the chamber carrying a paper bag)

Informally, Mr. Speaker, we had requested the budget committee chair and his members to change the tactics they have been using because, actually, we have very difficult times in terms of budget implementation in the government. However, Mr. Speaker among the recommendations, one of the key recommendations that---

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of order)

The Speaker: Point of order.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Mr. Speaker sir, according to standing order number 101, a lady Hon. Member is allowed into this chamber with a reasonable size of a handbag; not a handbag and then a paper bag. Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii is having a paper bag and a handbag.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Hon. Wakuthii, we are not doing any shopping here. Can you have your handbag, not any other bag!

(Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii walked out of the chamber carrying a paper bag)

(Laughter)

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was going to the recommendations and I must applaud this committee because of capturing a very key recommendation because once we got into this Assembly, one of the recommendations that we had made informally to the County government is to undertake all the stalled last terms projects. The Constitution is very clear that in the starting of the County Government, the County Governments were supposed to inherit all the assets from the defunct local authorities and liabilities, including the plans that the local authorities had.

(Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii walked back to the chamber)

We tried to persuade the Executive to, first of all, finish the last projects but it was in vain. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend this committee because most of the projects that were started by the Defunct Local Authorities were actually left, I would not like to say the white elephant, it is good for me to inform the Hon. Member for Gitugi that it is not a white elephant, actually, it is a stalled project because a white elephant project is a non-existing project.

Mr. Speaker, on that issue, we know Murang'a County Government was formed including some parts of the Kiambu County Council, I mean the former Thika County Council, and there is a lot of money that was left by that government only to be spent by Kiambu. The LATF money that was intended to undertake projects in Gatanga area, which there before was part of the former Thika County Council, more than Kshs 55 million was left to that defunct local authority, it was meant to undertake projects in the Gatanga sub-county. So, it is a wakeup call for that committee to note that when they are communicating with the CEC in charge, there is some money, and not little money, over Kshs 55 million that was left and was supposed to be inherited by this County Government.

Mr. Speaker, among many other recommendations, I would want to give to the committee as input, is maintenance of the vote book. Our government has been running like a private company; sorry to say so, but that is the truth of the matter, and that is why you see the issue of overspending in some votes. Mr. Speaker, we have noted that you can go and witness, I do not know whether the committee has noted that. Some of the departments are overspending by over even 30% of what they are supposed to spend whereas some departments are left to bear without any money, so, the issue of maintenance of vote books for each department is a key component to this report.

Without saying a lot, on the issue of revenue collection, and it was mentioned in an earlier motion in the morning, unless those staff who are mandated in revenue collection are actually forced or requested to sign performance contracts and set targets, we are not going anywhere in terms of revenue collection, and I would propose that the County Government can have an ad-hoc committee to be named revenue enhancement committee for a period of between three and six months. It worked somewhere else. Those members of this Assembly who, there before, belonged to the former Thika county council can bear me witness that it really works to set targets.

So, I would recommend that if the government can monitor how the revenue is being collected and set the targets for individual revenue collectors depending on the revenue collection point, Mr. Speaker, I know and I am sure that it can really work. On the same, the issue of the revenue collectors has to be looked into because you cannot tell somebody to go there without any shelter. There is sun and there is rain and you expect that person to realise the set target. So, the issue of the revenue collectors should be looked at. And although in my opening I said that this report is a bit shallow, I think the committee has done a good job this time around. Thank you.

Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I represent Gaturi ward. I rise to support the motion simply because of the issues of the defunct local authorities. Mr. Speaker sir, information is power. I was in the defunct local authority and I am aware that some projects were fully funded and the funds were released, but to some extent, the works officers in charge of some of those departments for some of those projects never utilised the money in the right way.

Mr. Speaker, in my case within the area of my jurisdiction in Kimathi Ward that time, I had two classrooms that were funded. One was fully completed but the other one was not while I know and I am aware that each and everything was released but the classroom is now empty with the iron sheets not even placed on the roof.

My worry is that the new Executive Members are not aware of that. When we ask about them, these Works Officers relocated from the County Headquarters to other areas like Kangema. You cannot find anybody within the Headquarter. So, there is that issue. What I would like to insist, Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that the Implementation Committee, although the Chair is not in, they must wake up and work with speed. They must be aggressive to see to it that all those projects have been implemented and also look into the issue of the funds which were released but were never utilised.

I know, I believe and I think that those funds are not in the pocket of the County Government but in somebody's pocket because once the funds were released, it means that somebody was given that money to go and utilise but rather than utilize he/she pocketed the money. That is what I believe because I have that case.

On the other part of Gaturi, there are two classrooms and a bridge. That bridge borders with Gitugi. I understand some money was given to some contractors. They were never given the whole amount but some of the money was paid. The rest was not paid and the footbridge that was to be placed between our Wards is still with the contractor. So, I am still following up on that money although I have not informed the Member for Gitugi. But still it means that what I am talking about is true because some members from my village came and told me about the issue of the footbridge and I am following on it. It has somebody somewhere in Mugoiri.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say that although all these projects are under a fund, I am proposing to my Chairman that while we are setting the budget for the next financial year, we have an input for this project through the ward development. We increase our Vote so that we may be able to complete this project because once they are elephants to the areas they were intended to help; we are not going to achieve the goals we were intending to.

So, Mr. Speaker sir, I would urge my chairman for Budget, although I am in the committee, to look into the issues and factor in the allocation for the stalled projects so that we may be able to summarise and finish with the relevant issues which will also affect our political mileage during 2017. If we are going to settle the disputes now, we shall not have any difficulties while vying. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will also add a word on the findings of the committee while I support the motion on the incomplete projects initiated by the defunct local government. I come from a human resource background. I was working in a human resource office for eight years. When we were been taught we were told that the human asset is the best asset you can have. And the person who was teaching us likened the people who were unhappy in a company or in a project like a woman who does not have a certificate of marriage. She is always thinking about tomorrow, insecurity and the rest.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to adopt all the projects which were started by the Defunct Local Government, we should also think about the people we adopted from the Local Government so that they can be given letters of appointment and be happy and appreciate devolution. They will also know under what terms they work and the security of tenure of their jobs.

We cannot overemphasise on the budget that we need to be following the budget the way we pass it here. If something changes, it should be brought to this House. Mr. Speaker, we were in the National Parliament sometimes and you would realise that when the budget gave you a road in your area, that road had to be built. If the budget gave you a school it had to be built. You would be sure it was going to be built. And if there was change, it had to be brought here, Mr. Speaker. I support that all the re-allocation of funds should be brought to this House so that the members can decide and say yes it can go there so that we do not have some budgets which are overspent while others do not have anything to be spent on.

Mr. Speaker, we have said so many things here which we said should be incorporated in the budget. And I hope even the Budget Committee is also taking note. We said that the irrigation budget should have one billion shillings and also the farming budget should be increased, and not only irrigation but as a whole because this is an agricultural County. Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: The mover to respond.

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to congratulate the Hon. Members for supporting this very important Motion. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, budget is a process and it is good that members own it. Mr. Speaker, I have heard the sentiments of various Hon. Members and I would like to respond to the issues raised.

One of the issues raised is about the stalled projects. I think we have deliberated a lot on that. We have no option on this one. We are going to put, as Hon. Dan has said and had already requested, a data to show all the stalled projects. And because we are supporting this, we are going to ensure that we have an allocation for that. We still have ample time to consolidate all those projects.

You also note that the issue of under revenue collection has also come up as very critical. It is very critical. And on the issue of land, one Hon. Member said that there are no proper structures. I think I would like to inform this House that we have the County Land

Management Board. Hon. Dan is in place and I think they have already started cracking on those issues on land rates. Hon. Dan has been very instrumental on.

About IFMIS (Integrated Finance Management Information System), we cannot overemphasise on it. Even the Office of the Controller of Budget in Nairobi, in one of the recommendations they have also given to all the Counties, they recommend for full adoption of IFMIS by all the County Governments and timely submission of financial returns to enhance budget monitoring and reporting. They have also recommended that the County Governments should also prioritise and implement development activities to enhance absorption.

Somebody has mentioned about the budget process and said that we need to be very strict. I just said that, during my report tabling, we have already received the County Fiscal Strategy Paper which was tabled today. Some of the issues we want included and which were recommended by the Controller and CRA are on the Ward Development Fund. We have given guidelines on how we are going to deal with the Ward Development Fund and I think together with my other Hon. Members, we had already done a bill to that effect I think of an allocation of about 13% of the total money disbursed to the Counties. So, if we work on that, even some of these issues that are coming up on the stalled projects will be solved but we will handle those projects independently. But if we had the development fund, maybe some of the projects would not require a lot of money and they can be accommodated in the same fund.

Mr. Speaker, it also good for the members to note that, generally, in terms of the country wise, we are not badly off as a County, because most of the Counties did not achieve the revenue collections. There is an under performance in the local revenue collection. That is a report we have also received from the Office of the Controller of Budget. Most of the Counties also had challenges in the verification of registers for assets and liabilities.

To also form part of our report, they have also recommended about frequent budget revisions. I think Hon. Mwicigi has talked about people having proper information. Hon. Dishon talked about a budget office. I think the reason they are coming up with all these is that if we can have a budget office where we can access information, I think members would get involved on the issues and the changes going on so that such changes can be brought to this House if need be.

Also, the issue of motivation and lack of revenue collection in the County has come up and I agree. I think we will liaise with the CEC so that we have targets. I think targets are very important as per the Sub-County so that they know what is expected of them. I was having an informal chat with the County Director of Treasury this morning and some of the issues that he has come up with on the revenue collections are on targets because, already, the County has a problem with the cash flow as we talk.

So, with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I would again like to thank the Hon. Members. I promise them that we will work hand in hand so that we own the budget

process of 2015/2016. I tell that this time, we must work hand in hand and ensure that we meet budget timelines as time goes. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Members, there being no other business, the House is adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3:45 p.m.