REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd May 2023

The Assembly met at 2:45 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

MOTION

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF BUDGETED PROGRAMS; DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES; DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY.

Hon. Hillary Muigai: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;

That, the Report of the Implementation Committee on implementation status of the budgeted programs under the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Department of Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Administration 2023 as at December 2022 laid on the Table of Assembly be adopted.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 201, the Committee on Implementation is mandated to scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly including adopted Committee reports, petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee.

Hon. Speaker, The Select Committee in meeting held Tuesday, January 31 2022 while discussing implementation Status of the County Budgets for the FY 2022/2023, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Department of ICT and Public Administration were required to furnish the Committee, noted that one of the key resolutions that are adopted by the County Assembly is the County Budget, which includes the budget allocated to the programmes under the County Departments. In recognition of the mandate vested upon the Committee on Implementation by Standing Order 195 and Section 39 of the County Government Act 2012, the Committee resolved to require the said CECMs to submit an Implementation status Report on the

implementation status of the programmes under the above-mentioned departments for the FY 2022/2023 as at December 31, 2022 using the format approved by the Committee.

The Committee is aware that the budget implementation is the one of the core mandate of the select Committee on Budget and Appropriation. The Select Committee on Implementation may be overwhelmed if they take up the role of following up on the budget implementation status. This should be left to the Budget and appropriation Committee and the sectoral committees as part of their duties. However, the Select Committee on Implementation may follow up on quarterly reports from various CECM'S on budget implementation status.

Hon. Speaker, the responses from the said CECMs were received by the Office of the Clerk as follows:

- 1) Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Department the Report was received on February 14 2023.
- 2) ICT and Public Administration Department Report was received on February 15 2023.

The Committee thereafter held discussions on the implementation status of the abovementioned reports, where it held a workshop dated Tuesday, March 21 2023 at Sports View Hotel in Nairobi as well as meetings within the precincts of the Assembly which has culminated into this report.

The objectives were as follows:

- 1) To determine the implementation status of the programmes under the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Department of ICT and Public Administration for the FY 2022/2023 as at December 31, 2022.
- 2) To determine the Policies, Act and Regulations formulated by the said Departments.
- 3) To identify the key challenges that faced budget implementation during the reporting period and appropriate recommendations to overcome the said challenges.
- 4) To advice on effective implementation of the Departmental budget.

The Programs implemented in the period under review is as indicated in the Report.

Policies and laws Developed or enacted: The Sector managed to develop policy the Agriculture Farm Inputs Subsidy Fund Policy 2022-2023 under the Agriculture Farm Input Subsidy Program that was passed by this County Assembly on December 13th, 2022.

Laws or Acts enacted: The sector managed to formulate the Public Finance Management Regulations 2022 that were approved by the County Assembly on December 13, 2022. That one is Agriculture Farm Input and Incentives Fund.

Hon. Speaker the Committee had the following observations:

After scrutiny of the Submissions by both CECMs the Committee observed that the low uptake of the budget in the period under review was attributed to the anticipated rationalization of budget allocations by the new administration, which delayed the implementation of planned budget activities. The delays were also informed by the general elections of August 2022, which saw a period where there was delayed disbursement of funds by the National Treasury.

The following are the recommendations by the Committee;

- 1) That, the respective Sectoral Committees in this case the Governance and Legal Affairs Committee, Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee, should immediately initiate a follow-up on the respective departmental budget absorption rates. The sectoral committees should seek justifications from the Departments as regards the low or zero absorption of the budget especially on the development vote and report to the House within 60 days.
- 2) That, the CECM in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the CECM in charge of the Public Administration and ICT should identify and address issues causing delays in implementing development projects to avoid huge unspent development funds being rolled over to the subsequent financial year.
- 3) That, the National Government treasury should ensure timely disbursement of funds to the Murang'a County Government to ensure that priority projects are implemented within schedule. This will consequently reduce the cited number of rolled over projects.
- 4) That, the County Assembly should ensure timely approval of the budget and other policies that have a direct bearing on project or programme performance.
- 5) That, the County departments and entities, in liaison with the department of public Administration should set aside sufficient funds to undertake capacity and skill

- development of their staff needed to facilitate efficient service delivery, improved staff morale, increased staff productivity, and effective project management.
- 6) That, the County Treasury should address its revenue performance to ensure the approved budget is fully financed without the hidden budget deficit and institute mechanisms to stop revenue leakages at the source.

I now call upon Hon. Gladys to second this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Gladys Waikau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The Floor is open. Yes, Hon. Member for Kahumbu.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion but urging the Committee and the Members that we should make sure that whenever recommendations are made by the Assembly Committee, they are followed. Otherwise, it could be zero work done if Committee recommendations are not followed to the letter.

So, mine is just to put in place and request that Committee recommendations are well followed and they are followed to the letter because if we do not do that, then, most of our work will be done like is all done.

So, I commend the good work done by the Committee on Implementation but again emphasis the findings of the Committee and the recommendations should be implemented, at any given time. Not only the Committee on Implementation but all Committee recommendations should always be implemented to the letter. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Member for Gaichanjiru, you want to say something.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am rising to support the Motion and it is a clarion call to all the sectoral Committees. Like now, the Budget Committee, I would really like to challenge the able Chairman, Hon. Machigo, to ensure the budget is fully implemented. So, I support the Report. It is a good one.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, having no other debater, the Mover can respond.

Hon. Hillary Muigai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will start by thanking the Hon. Members, Hon. John Kamau Munyua and Hon. Chefman for supporting this Motion. Just to note, their concern, on the implementation of the House resolutions. It also good, I keep on reminding the Sectoral Committees that they are the oversight Committees to the relevant issues or resolutions passed in this House. One of them being the budget that was passed by this Assembly, as we do follow up and redo Reports to this House, it is key that the Sectoral Committees do thorough follow up so that we can have the work done well. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity and as I sit down, I urge the Hon. Members to adopt this Report.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): There was one nay but it did come out clearly. Next Order.

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

PAPER

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2022/2023.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, May 02 2023; The Murang'a County Government Second Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023.

Thank you.

(Hon. Charles Machigo laid the Paper on the Table)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Next Order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2022/2023.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

That, the Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Murang'a County Government Second Supplementary Estimates for the FY 2022/2023, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, May 02 2023.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Next Order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2022/2023.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;

That, the Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Murang'a County Government Second Supplementary Estimates for the FY 2022/2023, laid on the Table of this Assembly today Tuesday, May 02 2023.

On behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I present to this Assembly the Report on the Murang'a County Supplementary Estimates for the FY 2022/23. The Supplementary Estimates have been prepared to allocate new revenues that have arisen during budget implementation. Additionally, the County Treasury has sought the authority to reallocate some estimates due to more funding requirements and the source and spending. The Budget and Appropriations Committee has scrutinized the Supplementary Estimates and recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, this Supplementary Budget has been prepared in line with Section 135 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, that provides for a County Government to spend money that has not been appropriated if the amount appropriated for any purpose under the County Appropriation Act is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated by this Act, or money has been withdrawn from the County Government Emergency Fund. Further, the current Government should submit a

Supplementary Budget in support of the additional expenditure spending. The County Government should describe how the additional expenditure relates to the fiscal responsibility approved by the Assembly and within the months of the additional money.

The estimate of the Supplementary Estimate for the FY 2022/2023, Committee has verified the estimates and certified that the reason sought for specification of supplementary have been submitted with the following reasons;-

- a) That, to allocate additional revenue amounting to Kshs.162,096,353 that have arisen in the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA 2022).
- b) Reductions to some votes that cannot be implemented without a structured legal framework such as the Emergency Fund.
- c) To provide additional counter funding on the same donor allocations request for ongoing activities.
- d) To provide the counter fund allocations that previously was not provided to enable implementation of the donor funds e.g. the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth (NARIGP).
- e) Reductions made to votes cannot be expended fully by June 30, 2023 and avail funds for more urgent activities.
- f) To avail additional funds as per bill of quantities (BQs) on some development expenditure that have already been committed.
- g) To provide additional allocations clear pending bills in line with the Controller of Budget requirements.

Going by the changes in the schedule one the revenue changes as follows; the budget for the financial year 2022/2023 was Kshs.9,641,783 and they moved Kshs.162,096 having now a total of Kshs.9,803,879,956. As per schedule Two the total additional and the reduction of the budget financial year 2022/2023. Additional and reduction are as per schedule Two, where the total reduction and additional is amounting to Kshs.375,860,000.00, there is a total additional of Kshs.537, 956,353.00 and total reduction of Kshs.375,860,000 therefore the additional revenue is Kshs.162,096,353.00.

The Committee recommends that the supplementary budget for the financial year 2022/2023 be approved as per schedule three listed below here. In the finance department we

have a movement of Kshs.90million from the emergency fund. In Agriculture we have a movement of Kshs.7,3 million. In NARGIP we have a movement of Kshs.155 that is still in Agriculture. Also, there is a movement of Kshs.70milion in road department. There is a movement of Kshs.175under urban development moving Kshs.15,000,000.00 and remaining with Kshs.160,000,000.00. In the road development there is a movement of Kshs.50,000,000.00 which adds to a supplementary of Kshs.100,000,000.00.

In water development we have a movement of Kshs.5,000,000.00 remaining with Kshs.80,000,000.00. In trade we have a movement of Kshs.2,000,000.00 from Kshs.22,000,000.00 we move Kshs.2,000,000.00 and have a balance of Kshs.20,000,000.00. The same with the cooperative we have a movement of Kshs.5,000,000.00 from Kshs.14,705,000.00 remaining with Kshs.9,705,000.00. In Education we have a movement of Kshs.20,000,000.00, in Youth empowerment we have a movement of Kshs.70,000,000.00 from Kshs.100,000,000.00 we have a balance of Kshs.30,000,000.00.

In Health department we have a movement of Kshs.18,210,000.00 which brings a total of Kshs.18,210,000.00. We have a movement in Land Department Valuation Roll Kshs.5,000,000.00 from Kshs.15,000,000.00 and having a balance of Kshs.10,000,000.00. In climate change we have additional of Kshs.22,000,000.00.

In governorship we have a movement of Kshs.1,000,000.00 remaining with Kshs.25,500,000.00. In the same governorship we have another movement of Kshs.8,000,000.00 from Kshs.39, 000,000.00 we have a balance of Kshs.49, 000,000.00. With Murang'a Municipality we have a movement of Kshs.2,339,915.00 creating a balance of Kshs.2,339,915.00. With the Youth we have a movement of Kshs.3,000,000.00 having a balance of Kshs.8,000,000.00 having a balance of Kshs.8,000,000.00 having a balance of Kshs.3,000,000.00.

With our County Assembly we have a movement of Kshs.5,160,000.00 and Kshs.14,500,000.00. A total of the movement is Kshs.162,096,353.00. My Committee came up with the following recommendations; having considered the above matters, the Committee recommends the following policy interventions:

1) The County Treasury should ensure the budget estimates of FY 2023/24 is provided as per the fiscal planning framework and that proper estimation is done

- in both revenue and expenditure to avoid many reallocations during budget implementation.
- 2) The County Treasury should not overestimate local revenue as identified in previous budgets where many projects have been left incomplete due to inadequate resources during budget implementation. Revenue collection enhancement however should be the focus of the department in order to strengthen the fiscal capacity of the county.
- 3) That upon approval of the Supplementary Budget No. 2 for the FY 2022/2023, all County Departments should revise the outputs and performance targets to realign with the increase or decrease in budgetary allocations for various programs.

That is our Report and I urge this House to adopt this Supplementary budget. I call upon Honourable Member Sharleen to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion as the Chairperson for the Budget and Appropriation Committee has said.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Member for Gitugi Ward.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will request that you can possibly give me some other time.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): You did not raise your hand?

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I was just crossing my fingers then I raised my hands.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I had mistaken the blinking of a single eye.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: That one, I used to do it when I was a young man. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The Floor is open. Honourable Member for Gaichanjiru Ward

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion but I am requesting next time because we are heading to the next financial year let us have itemized budget Chairperson Budget Committee.

Again, yesterday we went through this document and I did not see this section of the County Assembly, it was not there. Let us not be signing things that will not be presented on the Floor. I request to have an address from Chairperson Budget Committee on this kindly.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Honourable Member for Gatanga Ward.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. This is the second supplementary budget that has been brought to this House by the new administration. We have to bear in mind that this is not our budget. This budget was passed in the previous administration. We are just making amendments to the budget so that we can align it with the priorities of the executive and also the Assembly to an extent.

As elucidated by the Chair Budget, the reason why we have the supplementary budget this late, is that we have received funding. Mostly donor funding and for us to be able to expend that money, the executive had to bring a supplementary budget so that we can eventually do and appropriation bill that will allow them to spend this money.

I am very happy that we have got some funding in environment because the previous supplementary that was brought to this House because most funding on environment were taken away. Now with the 22 million that has been given to the environment docket, bearing the rains that has hit our county. We will be able to do some repair works here and there to ensure that people's living conditions are improved.

Mr. Speaker, we also have additional funding in agriculture and as we all know; agriculture is the backbone of this county. I am happy that our farmers will be able to get some extra funding so that they can be able to carry out their agricultural duties with the help of the County Government. Therefore, I stand to support, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Honourable Member for Kariara.

Hon. Gichobe Clement: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to support the Motion with reasons of course. One of the reasons is that I have interrogated this document, this supplementary budget. What has caught my attention is the additional money that has been put to the education docket, if you look at that report page eight particularly education intervention programs, the sub program of scholarship program. Some 48 million has been added to that program. We all know we have got the *nyota zetu* programs. These students will be going back to school in a short while. Therefore, because they purely depend on the scholarship of this county, we ought to have ensured there is enough money to cater for their education.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the same document, in the public ... I am getting lost a bit. In the Infrastructure Department, under the program of road development there is a subprogram named gravelling and maintenance. This has been allocated some 50 million. We all understand the nature of our county, right now the rains are ongoing and some of the roads have become impassable. Therefore, I believe that this 50 million if put in to use will go a long way in ensuring that what the farmers are doing in their *shambas* will lastly get to the market because the road network will be improved.

In as much as we support this report, what will ensure and what I will want to urge the rest of House is to ensure that we only have a short time to the end of the financial year. The implementation of this budget has got little time, I think just two months. It is our responsibility as a County Assembly to ensure that the executive really implements this budget so that we don't come here next year and see that some of these programs where we have taken money, never took place.

Lastly, it is worth noting what Hon. John Munyua has noted. That when we had a joint sitting of Finance and Budget Committee. The section of the County Assembly budget was not presented there and has only appeared today. It is a call to the board of the Assembly. To ensure that when supplementary are done, the reports are prepared early enough so that the concerned committees are able to look into that. We need to have an Assembly that seems to be open. So that everyone can be free and feel that everything is going on well.

Otherwise, I would like to support this Motion and urge the rest of the Members to do so. We can give the executive the money to do the programs in the remaining time. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, honourable Member for Gitugi. This time around I have been able to monitor your sign.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I was actually looking at you so that you can really ... you are catching others eye, it me to catch yours. I want to give my comment given the permission by you. I stand here to support the motion, however I was trying to meditate and think on what we discussed yesterday and that was not able to speak because I was to....(inaudible)........

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): You can switch to the other mic.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Allow me to tell Hon. Hanna to move.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, I know you are colleagues. She is very obedient; you can see the kind of intimidation you have put on her.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I can also hold her bag because I want to move a little bit. Thank you for that. My contribution on that note. Protect me Mr. Speaker from, I am taking some grudges from these people.

Hon. Hanna Wairimu: It is my phone.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member you may continue. Hon. Hanna Wairimu is very polite, she is just feeling intimidated by the size of ... May you continue.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: You know where the hand passed. I had to hear that. Allow me to proceed. I have just come to realize that in deed it is true that this vote head of 411 was not there yesterday.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member for Kariara you are out of order because the rules do not allow to pass through the presiding Chair and the Member on the floor. Just for noting. You may continue.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I was actually saying and I will keep on repeating that word saying, hoping somebody else will not cross over here. This issue was not there yesterday but it has now been raised so candidly and vehemently. What I will say although, the Chair Finance was trying to elaborate why it has been brought now to our attention. I tend to think that some of these sensitive documents, sensitive things should be brought to the attention of Members. So that they are able to discuss and internalize on what is happening there. I started by saying that I adopt the motion. I really accept the way it is. For future I would suggest, my opinion and what I am saying some of these will carry figures here and we are supposed to ask ourselves what does that figure 300,000 what is it all about. Nobody is privy to this, I am not privy to this but I will suggest that as we proceed next time let this kind of information be taken to the relevant committees to go through it, scrutinize and we will be able to move forward. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I am sure because we have one of the Members of the Board, he is taking notes. Under the law they are the ones who are supposed to make the Assembly budget. She is taking notes. Yes, Honourable Member for Kahumbu.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion but with abbreviation or preservation of what I have just noticed. One is I am just so shocked even at all the Members of the same Committee are rising the matter on the Floor regarding the omission. We Members who are not in that committee, we are in confusion on what is happening in that committee and also to me if it was not raised yesterday, why was it raised today and why were the Members not informed in advance when this happened because if you check the matter now that is being raised the question is why was it not raised yesterday. Number two, I am in concern on the main movement from the executive and how we are going to recover because I have seen money moving from one department to the other especially one in health you can see the issue of the ambulance money that have been done. It is in record especially now during the rainy season and you find our mother being in shortage of ambulances and it is on record where I was for public participation for CIDP that whenever they call for an ambulance it will either come from Kangema or Gatanga. It is a rescue message and the ambulance that is supposed to save someone in Kigumo that ambulance is coming from Gatanga or Kangema.

When you see this deduction of 10 million from the ambulance budget my question come to what is the committee of Health doing regarding those ambulances with minor repairs because I think we can start there even before purchasing new ambulances. What is happening with all the ambulances in all the sub counties whereby some are perhaps something small? My request is that the Committee for Budget, the Committee on Implementation and also the Committee of Health to follow up on these ambulances in our level 4s they have been thrown out or disposed there are some ambulances lying there if it is to be sold let them be sold so that we can recover the money and if it is something minor, let it be checked so that we can sorry to say that we have some vocational centres within our county. Perhaps we can buy spares and do some renovations. As we go future as the Chair Finance Hon. Kibaiya was saying we are inheriting a budget of the previous administration but because we are the ones who are passing. Let us be very keen on whatever we are passing, let us be very kin so that we can make sure we do not just rubber-stamp and pass about the previous administration. The question will come to this Honourable House of the third Assembly, why did you pass something that was wrong. I do not want us to be carrying the mistakes of the previous administration and we rubber stamp them in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I think I was more concerned about the pilot project of the executive about the health and also about the youth and the movement. We should be careful about the pilot project which will also assist us in terms of implementation and all that stuff. Finally, as you have said Mr. Speaker, I have heard you regarding the board and we should also explain to the Honourable Committee why this was not taken care of, noting that we lost, we as the Honourable members for the Assembly. I can see there is deduction of money which was meant for here without any explanation. So, I am finding myself in a way of what happened, if the committee itself does not know, I do not know and even the board was supposed to have sent the information despite how late it was, before we leave this House, I think the Chairperson should explain or the Committee of the board should also explain what is ours and the deduction and all that especially now that it was not shared in the committee where they were. I support and I agree with it, but with those reservations.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): You have something to say Honourable Elizabeth Kimorori?

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: I rise to support the Motion on this budget and congratulate the committee for the good work that they have done. It is really commendable and on my view being a representative of the board I must say that there was that oversight but next time as members of the board it is our view to have one Member to represent the Board in the budget so as to keep tab of all the items that are needed during budget. Otherwise, I stand to support.

Hon. John Ngugi: First I want to warn that I will not be-----

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): No, you want to give information.

Hon. John Ngugi: I am concerned that the Member for Kimorori is talking of a member representing us in the board and she is our representative in the board. She does not know that she is talking of another member representing us and she is the member that we chose to represent us.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I think the Member for Gatanga is very right, the Honourable Member for Kimorori you are the representative of all Members in the board together with the other Member for Ng'araria. Next time you are formulating the budget for the Assembly, you follow the precedent because that is how it should be done you involve the other Members especially the Members of the Budget Committee, because I want to confirm that

today there was pull and push and the Chair Budget Committee was put in a tight corner. So, in future as the Honourable Member for Gatanga mentioned this is just a supplementary budget in future undertakings make sure that the budget committee is well aware of what is happening in the Assembly. I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Charles Machigo: I want to thank Members for how they have contributed to this Motion and I promise them that my committee will take serious the issues they have mentioned and I appeal to them since now we are formulating the budget 2023/2024 regarding the issue of itemization, it is now upon us Members to ensure that whatever is indicated in their line departments they make sure that the CEC itemizes those programmes so that we can easily be able to implement the same.

The other issue is on the Assembly Budget, Honourable Members, Mr. Speaker, there was a concern that the Assembly's budget was not presented to us. I urge the County Assembly Service Board to be making sure that they present the same to the budget committee. Let us not see these kind of things happening in future. I promise you as a committee that we are going to follow it up and ensure things do not go wrong.

The other issue is on scholarship programme I urge the Members again to be liaising with their respective CECs ensure they bring itemized budgets. On the road development the Member should understand that we are implementing a budget of the past government and you can see very well that they have not captured the pending bills so most of the money that is being allocated is for pending bills. The movement of money from health, I promise that this committee will look on it on reallocation of funds. I will appeal to Members, now that we are formulating our own budget, some of these things of moving the reallocated funds will not happen if we follow the budget formulating process. I thank Members and urge them to support the Motion so that we can now be able to move to the next level.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I think on the matter that was raised by the Honourable Member for Gatanga, the processes are open and something that is very transparent and I am sure that the board should be able to take care of the Members because that is why they are there.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): That being the case, we now adjourn this House until tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:40 p.m.