

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd April 2024

The House met at 3:35 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

MURANG'A MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDEP) 2023-2027

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Murang'a Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 2nd April 2024.

MURANG'A COUNTY URBAN INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CUIDS)

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Murang'a County Urban Institutional Development Strategy (CUIDS), be laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, April 2nd 2024.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON
THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) FY 2024/2025

Hon. Charles Machigo: I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for FY 2024/2025, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 as submitted pursuant to Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.

The County Fiscal Strategy Paper is a policy document that contains the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guides the County Government in preparing its budget for the coming financial year.

The County Fiscal Strategy Paper was submitted to the County Assembly on 28th February 2024 and consequently Tabled before the House on 5th March 2024. The Paper stood committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee as well all sectoral Committees. This Report contains the views of the sectors, the public and the recommendations of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Honourable Speaker, the financial year 2024/2025 is set to be the third financial year of the County administration led by H.E Governor, Dr. Irungu Kangata. Pursuant to the Governor's manifesto the broad strategic priorities to be implemented through the budget financial year 2024/2025 include agricultural transformation, infrastructure development, universal health care, quality education, improvement of business environment and youth empowerment. The priorities align to the Bottom -Up Economic Agenda as envisioned in the Budget Policy Statement 2024.

The Budget and Appropriations Committee after consulting the Sectoral Committees, the Public and the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Finance and Economic Planning has recommended for approval a resource envelope amounting to Kshs10,395,054,964.48 comprising of Kshs7,174,256,830.58 for recurrent and Kshs3,220,798,133.90 for development expenditure. Specific readjustments have been made to ensure that there is equitable distribution of resources across all wards and that departments have adequate budget for service delivery.

The Committee applied the following methods to come up with this Report; in-depth scrutiny of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper vis a vis the Annual Development Plan and the Budget Policy Statement, scrutiny of the sectoral Committee Reports to verify need for readjustments. Public participation to collect public views on the CFSP 2024. Engagement with the County Executive Committee Member for Finance over CFSP 2024.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee observed various exogenous factors that might affect adherence to the financial objectives as set in this County Fiscal Strategy Paper that include; exchequer delays that limits the ability of the County Government to meet its obligations thus experiencing pending bills, kindly, check the microphone.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): It is working.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Ineligible pending bills that could make the County Government face litigations and thus hamper budget implementation. Unstable macroeconomic variables varying from rising inflation, currency volatility, rising interest rates and the unsustainable debt by the national government. Resurgence of global calamities that might distort the economy as experienced during the COVID pandemic.

Honourable Speaker the County Treasury fulfilled the legal requirements on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024, the analysis of the Budget Policy Statement and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 indicated that the County Government was living up to implement the Bottom-Up Economic Agenda (BETA) both policies as indicated in the schedule below.

Section 104 of the County Government Act provides for a County Government to plan and that no public funds shall be utilized outside the planning framework developed by the County Executive and approved by the County Assembly.

Honourable Speaker, in compliance to the principles of Public Finance as provided under Article 201 of the Constitution, the Budget and Appropriations Committee conducted a public participation exercise on 27th March 2023 in Murang'a town to collect public views on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024. Interested stakeholders were also requested to submit written memoranda to the office of the Clerk through the Advert.

Honourable Speaker, on the Public Gazette dated 21st March 2024, as at 27th March 2024 no memoranda had been received in the Office of the Clerk. Honourable Speaker the schedule below indicates the views of the public as collected during the public participation; the views are there as indicated below, members you can follow.

Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Regulation 26(3) of the Public Finance Management Act 2015 the Budget and Appropriations Committee sought the views of the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning during the meeting dated 12th March 2024 in the Assembly Chambers. The CECM Finance gave submissions in response to Committee queries on specific allocations and major development priorities. The submissions were as follows; that, the ceilings were drafted based on the equitable share as per Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA) provisions, The County Treasury had not started to formulate program allocations that would be in the budget estimates. As such, allocations to the mentioned development priorities could not be provided.

Honourable Speaker; pursuant to Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, the County Assembly should adopt the County Fiscal Strategy Paper with or without amendments. The Budget and Appropriations Committee after in-depth scrutiny and in line with the submissions of the sectoral committees, the views of the public, the submissions of the CECM Finance and its own wisdom has made the following adjustments. That in promoting an equitable society and ensuring balance growth across the County the allocation to community development projects be Kshs30 million for each ward where Kshs21 million is for road projects, Kshs5 million for water projects, Kshs1 million for sports development and Kshs3 million for education interventions.

- b) That to enable effective budget implementation under the Transport sector recurrent ceiling be increased to Kshs40,729,487.
- c) That the recurrent ceilings for the following sectors be reduced to provide resources for implementation of the infrastructure budget;
 - i. Finance and Economic Planning by Kshs5 million
 - ii. Trade, Industry and Tourism by Kshs5 million
 - iii. Youth, Culture and Social Services by Kshs5 million
 - iv. Water and Irrigation by Kshs2 million
- d) Set that Kshs100 Million under the recurrent budget of Education and Technical Training be for employment of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers on permanent and pensionable terms.
- e) That the County Assembly development budget ceiling be increased by Kshs40 million from Kshs20 million to Kshs60 million for construction and civil works in the FY 2023/24. The additional funds be sourced by reducing the development ceiling following departments;
 - i. Public Service and ICT by Kshs10 million
 - ii. Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services by Kshs5 million
 - iii. Land, Housing and Physical Planning by Kshs5 million
 - iv. Finance and Economic Planning by Kshs5 million
 - v. Trade and Industrialization by Kshs10 million
 - vi. Education and Technical Training by Kshs5 million.

The recommendation of the resource envelope be approved as per Schedule 1. The resource envelope FY 2024/25 had a total of 10.395 billion which is 100% allocation. That the recurrent

sector ceilings be approved as per Schedule 2, totaling to 7,174,256,830.58. c) That, the development sector ceilings be approved as per Schedule 3, development sector ceilings FY 2024/25 with a total of 3.220 which is 100%.

That pursuant to Regulation 26 (4) of the Public Finance Management Act Regulations 2015, this adopted County Fiscal Strategy Paper should become the basis of budgeting and expenditure for the coming financial year as indicated in the financial recommendations.

That the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning to submit a copy of this adopted County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the National Treasury as provided under Regulation 26(5) of the Public Finance Management Act Regulations 2015.

That County Departments should adopt the adjustments made to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper while making the budget estimates for the FY 2024/25 as follows;

- i. Community Based Projects should be allocated Kshs1,050,000,000 as adjusted by the County Assembly to cater for infrastructure projects, water development, sports development and education interventions.
- ii. That the County Assembly development ceiling be Kshs60 Million to cater for development programs of the County Assembly.
- iii. The Roads and Transport sector recurrent ceiling be Kshs40, 729,487 to enable effective implementation of the community projects and other infrastructure programs.
- iv. The Budget Estimates FY 2024/25 should allocate Kshs100 million under the recurrent budget of Education and Technical Training to absorb ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable basis.

That during the submission of Budget Estimates for the FY 2024/25 the County Executive Committee Member for Finance should include a statement explaining any deviations from the recommendations made in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 if any.

I want to thank members for the way they participated and coming up with this Report and I call my able member for Finance Committee and also a member of Budget Committee to second the Motion, Hon. John Ngugi.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Use the mic.

Hon. John Ngugi: I arise to second this Motion and I really like to applaud members of this Assembly for the interest they had in the CFSP because this is the basis into which funds are

allocated to the different sector Committees that we man here. It shows that members are in tune or want to be in tune with what is happening the in the executive and how the resources that belong to Wanjiku are utilized. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

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

Hon. Gichobe Clement: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and also join the chair and the mover of this Motion in congratulating members for the way we followed up on the CFSP. We had deliberate discussions about our ceilings and I think through negotiations and through talking with the executive, I think this one this will be one of the best budgets of the County because these are product of huge deliberation.

I must say I am impressed by the fact that the development budget of this Assembly has been increased from 20 million currently, to 60 million. Therefore, it is my hope that at last, we will have an opportunity to do better renovation. Mr. Speaker, as I stand here, I want to say I am utterly disappointed by the state of the toilets in this Assembly. It is embarrassing and does not represent the stature of honorable members or even Assembly staff. It is also a shame that we have received any development money in the past and no one thought about improving the state of the toilets in this Assembly.

If you want to know about how successful an institution is, anywhere, Mr. Speaker even when I go to any airport in this country or I get to any place in this country, if you want to know whether that place is well managed or not, just visit the washroom. If you find it in bad condition, then just know there's a problem somewhere. Therefore, I want to say now with an extra 40 million I believe that the administration of this Assembly will look into this issue and we are going to get good washrooms that befit the stature of honorable members and even at the bare minimum, the standards of humanity and honor. Because currently there is none in this Assembly. I would want to go on record. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you, honourable member for talking about the toilets. Maybe the next member will be talking about what to eat, to go to the toilet.

Honorable member for Kahumbu, I can see you or you didn't raise your hand? Okay. Honorable member for Muthithi.

Hon. Boniface Mbau: Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion as a member of this County Assembly and also chairperson Health Committee..... *(laughter)*..... Hon. Speaker, health sector takes the lion's share of this budget as indicated in this Report. This is because it is an essential service that affects human life and also existence. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, healthcare is a devolved function that is under management of the County government. Hon. Speaker, County Fiscal Strategic Paper, health sector has been allocated a total of 3.4 billion, where 410 million is for development, 3 billion is for recurrent expenditure, Hon. Speaker, the recurrent ceiling includes the ceilings for all County health workers and also universal healthcare program and medical drugs and also major items. It is therefore inadequate but County department will prioritize in budgeting critical areas. As I wind up, Mr. Speaker, as the Committee we are engaging the department of health to ensure that it is not less than 5 million which will be allocated for medical drugs in this budget estimates year 2024/ 2025 while maintaining the other priority programs. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I support the Motion.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Chair, Health, I think that is your maiden speech since you became the Chair. Switch off your mic kindly. Hon. Member for Murarandia, you want to say something?

Hon. Peter Munga: Thank you...

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): There must be a mic that is on.

Hon. Peter Munga: I do not have much to say, it is only to support the Motion and I would like to say if all members are Chairs, we can be very conversant with the budget and it is a witness from Chair Health that he is now very conversant with the budget. I would pray, if this House can amend Standing Orders so that we can all become Chairs----

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Member, I think you can change the microphone.

Hon. Peter Munga: This one is now okay. I was saying, Chair, if it is possible, every member of this House becomes a Chair, nothing will go without us knowing. You can see how the Honourable Chair, Health, is analyzing the budget since he came to this House and I am also willing that one day I would be able to understand what is the budget, fiscal paper in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member for Murarandia, it is for you to recognize that every member of this Assembly is a member in one of the sectoral

Committees. That is where the budget issues are canvassed. Hon. Member for Kahumbu. Kindly Member for Murarandia, switch off that microphone.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the Motion, but also in consideration that in future since Murang'a County has the issue of water, I have seen that on the side of water the ceiling has been approved to 363,214,071, I will request the budget chairman that in future, let us also increase the ceiling around the issue of water considering that Murang'a is a provider water in all the areas, even in Nairobi County, but we should push it a little bit more to save our women and children and the youth in terms of getting clean and sufficient water as per the constitution section 42 (3d) (1a) but it is always good that in future we increase so that we can at least save our Murang'a. I rise to support but Murang'a has been having a problem of water but that ceiling should be added in future so that at least we solve this menace of water shortage especially my ward, Kahumbu Ward. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker sir.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Honourable member for Kagundu-ini.

Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the interest of time, I stand to support the Motion.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): If there is no other contribution, I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank all those members who have contributed to this Motion and I assure all those who have raised concerns and comments, that as a Committee we are going to make sure that all concerns raised, we are going to make follow up. Again, I just want to remind members that this being our second budget, I am very happy that you have started following the budget-making process, so let me thank you for the follow up with the CFF and now that we have set the ceiling and being aware that by the end of this month, April, this is when we are expecting the executive to bring the estimates for the budget so now, it is for the departments. You make sure that you check for the programs which are going to be in your budget. Thank you very much and I urge members to approve this Motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

NOTICE OF MOTION

**REMOVAL OF HON. SIMON WAMWEA AND HON. ELIZABETH WAMBUI FROM
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD**

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion; -

Cognizant to Section 12 (3)(c) of the County Government's Act 2012 on the provisions, procedures and grounds which County Assembly Service Board members may be removed.

Seriously concerned that Hon members and staffs welfare is at threat due to personal interests from Hon Members in the board. Informed that members of the Assembly want the removal of Hon. Simon Wamwea and Hon. Elizabeth Wambui from Murang'a County Assembly Service Board by way of impeachment on the following grounds:

1. Vote of no Confidence
2. Misrepresentation
3. Financial Mismanagement
4. Incompetence

I therefore pray; That, this Assembly through a resolution revokes the appointment of Hon. Simon Wamwea and Hon. Elizabeth Wambui from Murang'a County Assembly Service Board.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

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Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Hon.Speaker, and Hon. Speaker I beg to move the following Motion; -

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Hon. Speaker I call upon Hon. John Mwangi Kamau to second the motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon John Mwangi: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

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

Hon. Gichobe Clement: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion and let me be on record that as I support this Motion, I do it with a rider because I highly kind of disagree with the wording of the Motion or be it I support it because anybody who is serving in any capacity in this Assembly serves at the mercy of the members, including me being sent to represent this Assembly in the Counties Assemblies Forum. I do it as a mandate given to me by the members of the County Assembly. If members wake up one day and decide that I do not represent them properly it is their mandate and it is within their right and within their powers to recall my representation of them.

This is also the case with the members that represent us in the County Assembly Board. I believe we are all colleagues; we are not here to kill careers of each other in case we felt like I feel. Mr. Speaker, as I stand here, I remember several years ago not very many years from now that I was the only member in this Assembly who stood up and said that I do not support the two members being appointed to the County Assembly Board. I am on record. If the Hansard department produces the Hansard record of the first day of this Assembly, they will see that I opposed the appointment of those people and nothing has ever changed. I still believe that we deserved better representation in the Board. Why Mr.

Speaker? Strategic thinking and planning requires special smartness and being very strategic to ensure that issues of the Assembly are well catered for, and I think we have been missing that in the board and I want to be on record.

The issues that I am pointing out right now, like the current state of the toilets that members and the staff use, those are issues that should be taken care of by the board because they have the responsibility of doing the budgeting of this Assembly. How do you for instance, justify that we received 20 million for development in the last financial year? That went to renovate other places and left for instance the toilets in the state they are right now. That is simply lack of prioritization or even lack of care for the members that represent us in the Board. Mr. Speaker, I think if we have people of good interest, competent people and people with strategic thinking, I am sure that we can be able to plan our budget in a way that we are going to have empowered Members of County Assembly and an empowered staff.

The members of staff in this Assembly of course play a big role to support us especially in Committees. Were it not for them, the kind of work we do in Committees will not be productive. Today, we have Members of County Assembly complaining, we have members of staff complaining, why are we doing so? yet at the beginning of the financial year we knew what we were supposed to get in terms of a budget. It is just a matter of sitting down with good intentions and with strategic thinking and plan properly to ensure that the staff are happy, the Members of the County Assembly are happy and everyone does their job. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I think yes, I support the replacement of those members, with other members that are going to represent us better. Mr. Speaker let me be on record, and this is an issue that I have raised before with my members, that today after adopting this Motion, this will go on record. And whoever we are replacing in the Board for God's sake, is also our colleague and I think I raised this issue and it is important I go on record. There was nothing wrong with having no confidence with our own representing us on the board and recalling them and replacing them. That is within our right and we have a right. But when you put in very grave accusations like financial mismanagement, incompetence, let us say tomorrow that person does not get elected and is given a state job or is even appointed as a chief officer in the County Government. Someone just needs to produce this paper and say, look here you were impeached because of incompetence and financial mismanagement.

I think we need to be careful. There is no need of destroying someone's future. That is my personal opinion and I think I have raised this issue with members. In as much as I do not support those members, I think it is just good enough because we are not here to kill the careers of other people. It is just that people are not doing their job and we need to replace them with people and I think this is something we had agreed and it is good I go in record that I am concerned with that wording. But that said and done Mr. Speaker I support the Motion, let us get better representation in the Board. Thank you very much.

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

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me to remind my brother from Kariara that I don't know, I want to disqualify the statement. How would you qualify vote of no confidence then you disqualify financial management and incompetence. I think we should introduce grammar records here because all what I can read from him he is double minded in this matter although he has supported the Motion. But allow me to say that there is no way you can qualify vote of no confidence. What is coming from a vote of no confidence? It is a general term, vote of no confidence has so many underpinnings under it and this is one of the traits misrepresentation, financial mismanagement and incompetence. These are what adds up o vote of no confidence.

The other thing is I don't think why Hon. from Kariara is talking about toilets. It means that he has money to buy food so that he can go to the toilet. For us members we do not have money so that we can go and use those toilets. I think Hon. Speaker ----

(Hon. Gichobe Mbatia rose on a point of order)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Hon. Wairagu he is rising on a point of order. Put off the microphone first.

Hon. Gichobe Mbatia: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I am just concerned and I would wish to get your guidance. Is it in order for the Hon. Member for Gitugi to be addressing me instead of you Mr. Speaker? Kindly I seek your guidance.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, you are very right. Hon. Member address the Chair as you make your contributions. Because the Hon. Member form Kariara was making his honest opinion. Kindly continue and be guided.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Hon. Speaker because I can see now the grammar class has started in terms of now understanding, we were taught about comprehension on how to answer questions in that paragraph. Now I can see we have a class. Anyway, having said that I withdraw what maybe I said to him but I was addressing you but he is my good brother.

All I can say is this, we are not malicious at all. There is no malice here. All what we need is Gitugi Member to have money in his pocket, not only money, we need to support our people. It is true our Budget Committee Chair has mentioned about CFSP and all those kinds of things and what has been passed there. And that one tells me and says that Gitugi people are sorted out by the County government in terms of ward projects. But what about me a member who represents them? Like now I am from a burial and I have spent a lot of money there and some of them I have borrowed from one of my friends. What I am saying is this, we need to act reasonably. We need to move and we need to get competent people. I am not saying there is no incompetency here, but all I am saying is somebody who have thought and a mind of a member of this County Assembly.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Member for Mbiri.

Hon. Bernard Ruiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I rise to support the Motion, I wish to simply make a single comment because as a person I think in terms of the board and members who represent the Members of the County Assembly as far as I am concerned, I generally have an issue with them. May be how they have implemented whatever we have tasked them to implement.

I believe and even the Motion that was before this one was about the budget and all that. As an Assembly we have conducted a number of negotiations and as a person I think one critical area that we will challenge whoever will occupy those positions, we will challenge them that they ensure they do it better is in terms of communication. For a long time, these issues about the members welfare I am sure they are not new to any of us today. But if you flash back, go back to the time that the members came here you might not really find a single moment that our representative took time, any moment, made any effort to communicate to the members about their welfare, be it salary, be it whatever other issue none of such communication has come maybe from such. Therefore, mine is a request to those who will take those positions to kindly improve on that specific issue.

Secondly, as it has been mentioned just a few minutes before this is that there is a time recently, we had a discussion with the executive in terms of equitable distribution of resources in

our wards. Even the executive took time to listen to the members. Even executive took time to make changes that the members requested. It does not necessarily mean that all our requests must be met. But it is only fair, it is only honourable, it is only objective that whenever an issue is raised, that such a person makes the relevant communication and informs the people.

Mine will be a specific request that to those who will occupy that office, please make it a habit that from time to time you will be taking a moment, may be after a recess may be after a month or two inform the members in terms of what has been done and what you are doing as a board because you are there to represent them. I know today even if we discuss the question of salaries and allowances you will find that even those who communicate may be the Hon. Chair for Finance makes communication while it should be the board that is making such a communication. Let those who will take that office take charge of the matters that we have bestowed on them so that we ensure that these issues are here to help our people.

Mine is that I believe it is good that as an Assembly we have realized that we have had that challenge but it is my request that those who comes to that office please take charge, make communication. You do not have to score a hundred but it is even worse that you do not even score a five. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Hon. Member for Kagundu-ini.

Hon. Samson Mukora: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. As I support, I say that I am not here to kill the dreams of any person. But as you all know we are in era of truthful men and we have to call a spade a spade. And if somebody somewhere has done a thing which is not good, we are not supposed to hide anything because that is where we bring up a breed of bad leaders. If somebody does something wrong, it must be said it is wrong. It should not be sugar coated. It should be black and white so that those people who are going to replace those two members in the board they should also know whatever they do they will be responsible for the same. And in that I think we are going to be in a better position and everyone will be contented with their service. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes Hon. Member for gender top up. Hon. Pauline.

Hon. Pauline Muchiri: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion, actually I support it with the whole of my organs because for sure we have suffered. I don't need to repeat

for anyone to hear how much members have suffered in this Assembly. I just want to remind my Chair from Kariara Hon. Gichobe that any time you are firing that is under---

(The Deputy Speaker called for order)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order! order! Hon. Member address the Chair don't address your fellow member.

Hon. Pauline Muchiri: Hon. Speaker, as I continue addressing you, I would like to remind everyone here that every time you are, even under Human Resource (HR) practices when you are firing someone or removing someone from the board you have to give reasons, and that is why the reasons were stated below. If at all we did state this Motion without giving reasons as to why we are removing the two members, then this would look so unprofessional. The reasons that have been stated there none of them is a lie, none of them is malice. Everything that has been stated there is true.

We started by vote of no confidence, the majority have already supported by voting that the members should be removed. Under the misrepresentation, these two members Hon. Simon Wamwea and Hon. Elizabeth, they have not been representing us. Their work is to represent us in the board and if they have been representing us in the board well, we should not be suffering, we shouldn't be here. So, why should we remove such a factor as to why we are removing them?

Financial mismanagement was the third factor as to why we are removing them. These people, as we remember just the other day, the Hon. Speaker here stated that they went to China even without the Speaker knowing. So, is this not financial mismanagement? Why do we hide this? Why do we hide such? The other thing is incompetence; these two members are totally incompetent, no skills related to being board members. They do not understand welfare is. They do not understand what their work is as board members. And therefore, please, if you do not want us to die premature death, can we please move very fast and remove these members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you Hon. Member, kindly switch off the mic. Yes, I can now call the mover to respond as we move on.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Okay, thank you Hon. Members, the majority of you for supporting in silence. We know a philosopher by the name Thomas More in 15th Century stated that silence means consent. So, I know many people---

.....(*technical hitch*)....(*no recording*).....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Go ahead.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: So, I know majority are supporting. Also, thank you Hon. Gichobe for supporting. Thank you Hon. Wairagu for supporting. Thank you Hon. Ruiru for supporting. Thank you Hon. Mukora and Hon. Pauline for supporting this Motion. But I would like to state just a few things. First, we believe in a chance. Hon. Gichobe, it is good we gave those members a chance but they have proved maybe they may not be able to do the task that was ahead of them because the task was very big for them. I believe without opportunities, many abilities are wasted and without abilities, opportunities are wasted. Maybe the Hon. Members have wasted that opportunity for two years because you can see the cry which the Hon. Members and staff have and we hope they will be represented well.

And as I wind up, the allegations that were made, Hon. Gichobe, these allegations, for those people who understood the law, there is no offence, there is no crime concerning those grounds which we have used to remove those Hon. Members from the County Assembly Service Board.

The first one is a vote of no confidence, as we speak, 29 out of 47 Hon. Members have already signed that Motion to remove those Hon. Members and I know it was only a matter of time. If others are given time, all of them will support because they know they are suffering. The second ground that we are using is misrepresentation. It is evident they have not been representing the interests of Hon. Members they are supposed to do in the board and instead, they have been representing their own personal interests over the interests of Hon. Members in this House as well as the interests of staff in this County Assembly.

As you have had, it is evident those Hon. Members left us here and went all the way to China whereas all the members and staff were suffering without even their salaries, and, as we speak, the issue of the toilet, maybe that is why it has been raised. Some members do not even have anything to eat despite, not only going to the toilet but when they were there probably, they were eating Chinese foods, there is a food that is called *kung pao chicken*.... (*laughter*).....it is a

type of a chicken in Chinese. Probably they were eating those ones and that is why the only thing they could see is constructing a toilet instead of helping the Hon. Members to get their salaries and allowances as well as to develop this County Assembly because we have other areas which need development.

Lastly, on the matter of financial mismanagement, that is still not a crime because you can give someone money and maybe--- because they did not steal. What they did is mismanagement, which is not a crime and maybe that is as a result of maybe not having the capability or the profession that was required.

Lastly, incompetence, that is something to do with inability to do something successfully. What they were doing is just a trial and error. So, Hon. Members, I urge all of you to support this Motion and today is a new dawn for the staff and Hon. Members of this County Assembly. We are going to have a paradigm shift in the manner in which the Murang'a County Assembly Service Board will be conducting their work. If it is employment, Members will know who is getting employed. If it is procurement or supply, Members will be knowing who is the supplier or who is the contractor doing any contract. As we can see, we have Kshs60,000,000 for development. If it is the budget that we have, Members will have a say in which money will go to development, which money will go to local travel, and which money will be used for certain issues even to pay our own staff and Ward offices where our Ward staff have been suffering. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you, Hon. Member and a senior ranking Member of this Assembly I would plead with the Members after this Motion, we pray this Assembly remains united as before. That is a wise counsel from an elder. I will now put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

(Applause)

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Members, that being the case, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose 4:35 p.m.