

SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY



THE HANSARD

Wednesday July 1st, 2015

The County Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2.30 p.m.

(Temporary Speaker (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa) in the chair)

PRAYERS

**THE SAMBURU COUNTY DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL, 2015,
SAMBURU GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 2, BILLS NUMBER 2
SECOND READING.**

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker; pursuant to Standing Order 122(1), I beg to move the following motion; that the Samburu County Disaster Management Bill, 2015, be now read the second time.

The Samburu County Disaster Management Bill, 2015, a bill for the enactment of the County Assembly of Samburu to provide for more effective organization of the mitigation of preparedness of response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters.

THE SAMBURU COUNTY CULTURE BILL, 2014, SECOND READING

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order number 122(1), I beg to move the following motion; that the Samburu County Culture Bill, 2014, be now read the second time.

The Samburu County Culture Bill, 2014, a bill of the County Assembly of Samburu to support the preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage and arts within the county and specify the duties and activities of responsible county departments and the modes of funding of issues related to culture thereto.

MOTION

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to move the following motion, that pursuant to Standing Order number 47 (1), that this house debates and approves the report of the select Committee on Budget and Appropriation for its consideration of the budget estimates for the Samburu County for the financial year 2015/16, laid on the table of the Assembly yesterday, 30th June, 2015. As the house recalls, yesterday we gave a notice of motion on the report of Budget and Appropriation Committee. Subsequently, we tabled our budget yesterday and I would like to take this chance to appreciate the members for finding time to

deliberate and pass the Appropriation bill. In the third session of the first assembly, the following are the members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation: hon. Jonathan Lemoosa, Chair, hon. Benjamin Leitore, Vice Chair, and members are hons. Adamson Lanyasunya, Lazaro Letiktik, Sarah Lekisat, Modester Lalaikipiani, Elly Loldepe and Pius Lobuk. We had around 25 in attendance of which the hon. Speaker of this house was also present. Pursuant to article 221 (1) of the constitution, section 129 (2) a) and b), and 131 of the PFM act and Standing Order number 207, the Committee on Budget and Appropriation performed scrutiny of the budget estimates of financial year 2015/16 as provided under the articles of the constitution or relevant documents that I have quoted. This is in regard to the Speaker's ruling of 30th April, 2015. According to the Standing Order number 187 (3), the committee is mandated to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.
- b) To discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the county assembly.
- c) To examine the county budget policy statement presented to the county assembly.
- d) To examine bills related to the county budget including appropriation bill.
- e) To evaluate tax estimates economic and budgetary policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

It is worth noting that the budget estimates have their own procedures of introduction to the house as per section 129 (2) a) and b) and 130 (1) of the County Governments Act. **(Call for point of order)**

Temporary Speaker, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): What is it hon. Member for Lodokejek.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Mr. Speaker, the hon. Chair tabled the report yesterday and I don't think it is necessary for him to read it since every member was given the report to scrutinize and make recommendations.

Temporary Speaker, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Member for Lodokejek, I concur with you but the hon. Member can give some briefs of the report, continue.

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Mr. Speaker, I concur with your sentiments and I appreciate your direction. The hon. Member for Lodokejek is one of the enlightened members of this house who understands the procedures. I was just but giving highlights on the budget report. As per the sections 129 (2) a) and (b) and 131 of the County Governments Act, mandates the county assembly to proceed only in accordance with recommendations of the relevant committees of the assembly. Taking into account the views of the county assembly member in charge of finance, this is for the reason that it touches on sensitive financial implications on the public that will need their involvement. It thus necessitated the county assembly to contract an expert in financial matters to help in the guidance and scrutiny of the budget estimates for the financial year 2015/16. I have the pleasure on behalf of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation to present our report containing our scrutiny, observations and recommendations of the Samburu County budget estimates. In the third sitting, the committee deliberated at length on the findings and observations which finally made the recommendations. All the information on our work is in both the report and the recorded format in the custody of the Clerk of the County Assembly. It's my wish that the members have these documents so that they can interrogate and make contributions as pertaining to the document. In our recommendations as a committee, after considerations, the following amendments were made:

- 1) Purchase of camels for East and North to be increased from Kshs.5M to Kshs,20M.
- 2) Construction of ECD classrooms to be increased from Kshs.15M to kshs.30M.
- 3) Title deeds to Maralal town to be given Kshs.20M.
- 4) Support of cooperative programs to be increased from Kshs.5M to Kshs.10M.
- 5) Construction of Samburu National Reserve headquarters to be increased from Kshs.10Million to Kshs.13Million.
- 6) Health to be given an additional amount of Kshs.10Million for dispensaries.
- 7) Recurrent for culture to be increased by Kshs.5M.
- 8) Seiya Bridge has been reduced from Kshs.70M to Kshs.50M.
- 9) Mortgages for finance have been reduced from Kshs.61M to Kshs.40M.
- 10) Mortgages for Samburu County Assembly staff reduced from Kshs.50M to Kshs. 40M.
- 11) Construction of stores reduced from kshs.10M to Kshs.6M.

12) Sub-County ICT connection reduced from kshs.10M to Kshs.7M.

13) Establishment of Agricultural training centre was reduced.

With all that information, I would like to give my appreciation to the house and to members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation for dedicating their time on both public participation and discussions with the executive for us to come up with this document. I will rest my contributions there and allow members to make theirs, thank you.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Chair for Budget and Appropriation Committee for giving this house a comprehensive budget report which touches on the key issues that are in line with the County Fiscal Strategy Paper of early February. We have seen that some key areas like infrastructure, agriculture, health and education were given a lot of investment. In agriculture on food security, for example, so that people can get food to supplement their livelihood. We have also seen that there is a lot of investment in the health sector since we want people to have accessible health care services and quality education. We have seen the development budget versus the recurrent expenditure. I want to say on the floor of this house that yesterday most of our members said that some sectors were given few budgets than others; I want the hon. Members to understand that departments have different activities and responsibilities. The department of Culture and Social Services, for example, most of the activities like the capacity building, sports and gender activities are recurrent. In this department, there are few development activities which can be undertaken. If you recall in the previous two years, the only development budget implemented by the department is only the building and renovations of playing grounds. I think if there is anything that we have done, we have really increased the capacity building for our women and youth. I think this year's budget has increased development budget compared to the previous two years' budget and I concur with what the hon. Chair said that they have done a commendable job to ensure that we have a balanced budget this year, thank you.

Special Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante sana Bwana Spika, namuunga mhe. Leshoomo mkono ijapokuwa ukiangalia 2015/16, mambo ya walemavu yametulia kabisa. Wakati mwingine, naomba, tuangalie hii idara ya Huduma kwa Jamii kwa kuwa wamama na

walemavu wapo na hali yao ni ya chini sana na ni vizuri kuwaangalia. Naomba Kamati ya Bajeti kuangalia swala hilo bila ya mapendeleo. Tunahitaji pia kuhusishwa kwa maswala ya walemavu kwa kuwa sisi ndio tunaelewa mambo yetu vizuri, asante sana.

Temporary Speaker, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Asante mhe. Dube, kama alivyosema mhe. Leshoomo, idara ya Huduma kwa Jamii inahusika na utoaji huduma (Social Services department is a service delivery department) kwa hivyo fedha zake nyingi zinatumiwa katika shughuli za kila siku (recurrent) ndiposa hakuna fedha nyingi zilizotengewa maendeleo (development). Hata hivyo, nafikiri Kamati ya Bajeti wamesikia hilo. Hon. Lelenkeju.

MCA Wamba East ward, (hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, mine is to thank the chair on behalf of the committee for that comprehensive and elaborate report. We noted with a lot of concern that there are still issues to do with development budgets in various departments. But I urge members through the same committee that come the supplementary budget, we should be able to scrutinize and close loopholes and then put some money to the departments that we feel have not been allocated appropriately. Otherwise, the report is okay and it should be adopted.

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you hon. Speaker for giving me time again and in response to the concerned members and especially hon. Dube, his concerns are very sincere. I don't know whether I should change the language so that the member could understand. Allow me Mr. Speaker to do that.

Temporary Speaker, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): You are at your liberty.

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you. Ningependa kumshukuru mhe. Dube kwa kuwa na msimamo kwa maswala yanayowahusu walemavu. Unavyojuwa, mhe. Spika, kwa kuwa ulihusika katika bajeti, mambo yanayohusu walemavu, kina mama na vijana katika idara ya Huduma kwa Jamii iko katika fedha za kila siku. Ningependa kumjulisha mheshimiwa kuwa kamati iliketi na kufikiria kuongeza zile fedha ambazo waliwatengea walemavu hadi milioni mbili. Bajeti yetu ina mengi ya kufurahia kwa sababu barabara zinajengwa ili kufungua sehemu zilizokuwa zimefungwa. Barabara inayotoka Lolkuniani kupitia Ngilai kwenda Ndonyo Uasin ni

barabara ambayo itakuwa na umuhimu sana kwa wananchi wa sehemu hiyo. Barabara kutoka Wamba kwenda Sereolipi pia itafungua sehemu hiyo. Ukiangalia Wamba, kuna mabarabara, stima za usalama, siweji (storm water management), Kisima na Suguta pia ziko namna hiyo. Nafikiri wananchi pia katika sehemu hizo hawatakuwa na budi ila kuwashukuru wawakilishi wao. Pia sehemu zingine kama Nachola, Charda pia wananchi watafaidika. Mimi, sawia na wananchi wa Nachola, natarajia kupata bwawa moja la maji, darasa, barabara ila miji yetu kubwa kubwa zinahitaji kuangaliwa kwa sababu ya idadi ya watu na mahitaji (because of the population and the need in our towns). Initially the budget prepared by the executive had a deficit of almost 50M but when we sat down as a committee, we made sure that our budget was balanced in order to achieve our objectives. And that made us to come up with a balanced budget by only reducing the recurrent expenditure of the executive. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Members, I now put the question that the Budget and Appropriation Committee report on the estimates, revenues and expenditures be adopted. **(Question put and the report adopted)** The time being 12 minutes past 4 o'clock and there being no other business, this assembly stands adjourned until Thursday afternoon, 2nd July, 2015, at 2.30 pm.