

## SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### THE HANSARD

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

The County Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 p.m.

*(The county assembly speaker (Mr. Lelegwe) in the chair)*

### PRAYER

## BILL

**Clerk:** Samburu County Appropriation Bill **2014** county gazette supplement number **12** of **2014** second reading. *A bill for an act of Samburu County Assembly to authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the county revenue fund and the application towards the service of the year ending on the **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2015** and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes.*

**The speaker,** (Mr. Lelegwe): hon chair for budget and appropriation committee, Hon Jonathan Lemoosa.

**Nyiro MCA,** (Hon Lemoosa): thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the Samburu County Appropriation Bill financial year **2014/2015** to be read for the second time. This particular bill is actually presented to the house for the second reading and it is being necessitated by imposition of the ceilings by the CRA and as such therefore, I wish to beg the house to humbly hear and assist in the passing of this bill because many of these projects have stall, so I beg Hon Benjamin Leitore to second, thank you speaker sir.

**Wamba MCA,** (Hon Leitore): **BOWS**

**The speaker,** (Mr. Lelegwe): thank you hon members, I now propose the question that the Samburu county appropriation bill **2014**, a bill for an act of Samburu county assembly to authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the county revenue fund and the application towards the services of the year ending **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2015** and to appropriate the sums of certain public services and connected purposes. I now welcome your contributions hon members. Hon Lemoosa.

**Nyiro MCA,** (Hon Lemoosa): thank you speaker sir, I take the floor to beg the house to consider this bill for the second time reading as I have said before earlier on the that the budget of Samburu County as we all know is actually lagging behind and much of these fund that are actually supposed to help in the development of many projects is actually affected. And the reason as we all know is not of this house cause or anybody but these many stakeholders like the CRA, the budget controller and as such therefore sir, I wish to bring into light that the assembly which was much affected by the ceiling that totals up to **197,000,000** Kenya shillings have been approved or raised to read some of **331,000,000** and this actually give a breathing space for the assembly to do some of its mandatory roles and therefore, I plead with the house to contribute and having in mind the consideration of passing the bill just as a remedy for us to be able to consume our budget to avoid the embarrassment as what we saw in the world bank that actually showed that our county was not able to consume **28%** of the budget which is not the real figures as may have been depicted. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir as I beg the house to contribute and consider the passing of the budget, thank you.

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**The speaker,** (Mr. Lelegwe): Hon Fabian Lolosoli.

**MCA Waso,** (Hon Lolosoli): thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the chair for budget committee to request and plead to the members of this house to consider and pass this appropriation bill. After going through agony for quite some time, we were not able to do our roles in over sighting, representation and legislation. I also congratulate the team that did the negotiation for us to get an improved limit from the CRA. We will now be able to continue and perform our roles in this house and this will also allow the development fund to be released so that the county government can also perform its roles. Therefore, once again, I plead for this house to pass this appropriation bill, thank very much.

**MCA Kisima,** (Hon Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the hon members to have given their sentiments on the adaptation of this county appropriation bill. We all know that we had some problems in the last six to eight months in this financial year. The delay of appropriating this county appropriation bill is not the making of this county assembly. The people of this county started saying the appropriation bill was not passed by this assembly and I just want to tell this hon house that because the making was not of this house but of deliberate move by other parties and we all know that we cannot stay in this house without involvement in this county and as we saw the issue with the CRA and other constitutional bodies, I urge the hon members to support and pass this appropriation bill for the benefit of the people of Samburu county. We all know that we are already late in making the provision of doing the projects for this county and I urge the executive that while we are trying to pass this bill, we want them to go in speed and ensure that projects are implemented urgently to enable these people to benefit from the fruits of devolution, otherwise the time is short that probably we might not be doing a lot of projects within the remaining four months. I stand to support the bill, thank you.

**MCA Wamba,** (hon Leitore): thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the bill. Mr. Speaker, to some extent, the interest of the people of the county becomes bigger than any other person's interest. And I want to concur with the chairperson's sentiment that the problems we are in were actually created by the CRA so it was not a problem created by anybody in this county government. Neither the assembly nor the executive but a budgetary problem created by the CRA and I want to state clearly that some quarters within this county are blaming the county assembly for not passing the budget. But the previous budget had some problems, ceilings are being forced to this county assembly and the ceilings were not having enough funds to make this house perform its roles and with the remittance of **76** million from the county assembly budget, and almost 35 from the executive we discussed as the budget committee this morning and we agreed that **76** million will go to tarmacking of Maralal road (10km). Mr. Speaker this is a great concern and a priority to this county. Move around this town and you will have a problem with the dust so we have a problem with our roads. I think tarmacking **10 km** in this town is of great importance especially the county headquarters. It is even a shame that there is no a single path, even a single kilometer that is tarmacked in this county. Therefore, prioritizing of this town will be a great achievement for this county government, and even a great achievement for our people. Then **20** million was also allocated for the ongoing work of the office block. We visited that office block as the budget committee this morning to ascertain the work that is ongoing and we were actually satisfied that

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the work that is ongoing is good. And I want to request the members of this house because we are also playing an oversight role to learn on construction activities as we also have to construct even our own homes so it is also important for us to visit construction site and learn more on construction and even the materials that are being used there. Mr. Speaker, we agreed that **24** million will go to the health services especially procuring of ambulances and that will also be a great achievement and a great service to our people. Talk of *Nachola, Oromoidiei*, where medical services are a problem. People are being transported in some parts of this county using donkeys. So this is a great problem and we were actually convinced as the budget committee that the projects prioritized are within the reservations for the amount for amount that was reserved by the county assembly budget and the executive budget have actually been prioritized well and I support the bill and I want to assure the members that we took our time as budget committee to peruse the items of each and every department and the budget is actually the same as the one that we passed on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**. So I urge the members that we need to pass this budget today and I want to assure them that there were no changes as the fears may be of any departmental priorities and the budget is the same as we passed the other time. Mr. Speaker, we want services to be delivered to our wards and even the executive is experiencing problems in paying the contracts, making sure that the classes are being constructed, paying for the bursaries, and all the services that are required by the people of this county. So I urge the members to pass the budget because we took our time as budget committee to make sure that there are no problems in this budget Mr. Speaker, I stand to support.

**The speaker**, (Mr. Lelegwe): thank you hon members for your contributions and I now put the question, that the Samburu county appropriation bill **2014**, a bill for an act of Samburu county assembly to authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the county revenue fund and the application towards the services of the year ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> June **2015**, and to appropriate those sums to certain purposes and services, clerk

**Clerk**: The Samburu County Appropriation Bill **2014**. A bill for an act of Samburu county assembly to authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the county revenue fund and the application towards the services of the year ending on **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2015**, and to appropriate those sums to certain public services and purposes.

**The speaker**, (Mr. Lelegwe): Thank you hon members, the bill is now committed to the committee of the whole house.