

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 21st March, 2023

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

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson), in the Chair

PRAYER

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PAPERS

Member Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to table the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the year 2023/2024, thank you Mr. Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Member Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker, I wish to give the following Notice of Motion:

THAT this House debates and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and the medium-term County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the year 2023, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

Member Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion:

THAT this House debates and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the medium-term County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the year 2023.

(Hon. Nakinyi bows to second the Motion)

Member Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Mr. Speaker, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is a statutory document in respect to the County Budget process stipulated under the Provision of Section 125 of the PFM Act 2012. The CFSP as per the Provisions of Section 117/3 and 4 of the PFM 2012 sets out the broad strategy priorities and policy goals that will guide the County Government in its preparation in its budget for the coming Financial Year and for the medium-term. Further it should include the Financial outlook in respect to the County Government revenue, expenditure and borrowing for the coming financial year and for the medium-term.

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As such it provides for valuable platform for review of Fiscal Policy in light of emerging challenges and for opportunities for the economy. Therefore, the County Fiscal Paper is a very important document for Policy makers as it facilitates evaluation and effectiveness of existing policies. It offers policy makers and Government at large an opportunity to adjust its expenditure on revenue along more suitable lines for accelerating services for the citizens. I will just read the general recommendations; the Committee has thus scrutinized the CFSP alongside the Sectoral Committee reports, the public input and after doing intensive consultation made the following recommendations;

1. The Samburu County Treasury has a high potential to generate its own revenue enough to drive its economic agenda. However, the Committee notes that over the years the County has been relying heavily on National Government's shares which possesses a major risk should disbursement be delayed. The low revenue generation can be attributed to its low intake in technology and revenue automation and weak revenue collection system which is a recipe for loss of revenue.
2. The Committee observed that the department of Tourism, Trade, Cooperative and Enterprise Development has been supporting Conservancies operations but the Committee sees the need for the department to have strategic investments in this Conservancies to ensure economic reliance. The County ceiling should be increased by 40 million from the projected figure of 670,999,097 shillings to 710,999,097 shillings to facilitate the completion of modern chamber and the Speaker's residence. The 40 million is for the development budget for County Assembly.

The Committee recommendation on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper are only two;

1. That the House approves the Fiscal County Strategy Paper 2023 with the recommendation contained.
2. That the Executive with the stewardship of the County Treasury should within two weeks upon approval of this report incorporate recommendation of amendment hearing above compile, produce, publish and publicize the approved County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2020 as per the Section 26/5 of the PFM or the County Regulation 2015.

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Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Hon. Members I now propose that this House debates and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the medium-term County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the year 2023. I now allow contributions from the Members if any.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Jane Nakinyi): Mr. Speaker Sir I support the Motion on my perception on the Committees recommendation on increasing the ceiling for the County Assembly, the development in whole and also the Tourism, Trade and Cooperative Enterprise has been supporting the Conservancies. I support the Motion for thus, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. As a Member of the Budget Committee, we have interrogated the Paper and have seen that everything raised by the public and all stakeholders have been included. I support the proposed amendments or inputs that were put as the Assembly the Executive will look into it so that we capture everything raised by the public. We went around the County seeking views of the public and the inputs they gave has been included in the Committees report. We hope that the CEC or the Executive considers our recommendations, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Noting that there are no more contributions from the Members, I now put the Question **THAT** this House debates and approves the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the medium-term County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the year 2023.

(Question put and Motion passed)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Hon. Members the time being twenty-nine minutes past four O'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 2:30 pm.