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HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Temporary Speaker [Hon. Humphrey Sifuna] in the Chair)

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE ON BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report by Housing and Sanitation Committee on Bungoma County Government 1st quarter financial Statements for the period ended 30th September, 2021 in respect to Housing and Sanitation.

Temporary Speaker: Bring it here. You don't have to sit with it Hon. Nganga. Use your gadget to Table the report. A report is tabled and it is now the property of this House.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ICT IN THIS HOUSE ON THE RESPONSE ON THE STATUS OF AUTOMOBILES MOVEABLE ASSETS IN THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SINCE 2013

Hon. James Mukhongo: On behalf of the Chair of Public Administration Committee, I wish to lay the report by the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT in this House on the response on the status of Automobiles moveable assets in the County executive since 2013.

Temporary Speaker: The report is now tabled and it becomes the property of this House.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE ON BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Housing and Sanitation Committee on

Bungoma County Government 1st quarter financial Statements for the period ended 30th September 2021 in respect to Housing and Sanitation.

Temporary Speaker: Notice having been given, the report will be send to your gadgets for perusal.

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Hon. James Mukhongo. Thank you, Mr, Speaker. I wish to issue a Notice of Motion that this House adopts the report the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and on the response on the status of Automobiles moveable assets in the County executive since 2013.

Temporary Speaker: A notice having been issued, the report shall be sent on your gadgets for your personal perusal.

MOTIONS

REPORT ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021 AND 2022 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

Hon. Elvis Abuka: Allow me to take Honorable Members through Youth and Sports Committee report on Youth and Sports department first quarter financial statements for the financial year 2021/ 2022 for the period ended 30th September, 2021.

I will not go through the Table of Contents.

Preamble

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is my duty to present the report by the Committee on Youth and Sports on the department of Youth and Sports department first quarter financial statements for the financial year 2021/2022 for the period ended 30th September, 2021. The document was tabled in this County Assembly of Bungoma and was committed to all Sectoral Committees for interrogation, input and recommendation through a report to this Honorable House.

I won't go through the mandate of the Committee. Committee Membership is as stated in the report.

Temporary Speaker: Please go through the Committee Membership.

The Committee on Youth and Sports is currently constituted comprises of the following Members:

1. Hon. Luke Opwora Chair Person
2. Hon. Everton Nganga Member
3. Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana Member
4. Hon. Fredrick Musebe Member
5. Hon. Evelyn Mutiambu Member
6. Hon. Elvis Abuka - Vice Chair
7. Hon. Winnie Nyambok Member
8. Hon. Rose Imbega Member
9. Hon. Rosemary Khisa Member
10. Hon. Hildabeda Siang Member
11. Hon. David Barasa Member
12. Hon. Jerusa Aleo Member
13. Hon. Caviny Lukosi Member
14. Hon. Cheprot Chesibok Member
15. Hon. Charles Nangulu Member

I will not go through the guiding principles for it is well known. I will go straight to the acknowledgement.

Acknowledgment

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to examine the Youth and Sports department 1st Quarter Report and Financial Statement for Finance Year 2021/2022. The Committee would also like to appreciate the Secretariat who worked with us for their commitment. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to your office and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for logistical support received as it discharged its mandate.

It is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Youth and Sports, to table the Report on the First Quarter Financial Report of the department of Youth and Sports in Bungoma County for Financial Year 2021/2022.

Report is signed by Hon. Luke Opwora Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Youth and Sports.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS ON THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

As at the first quarter, the total budget for the County in the financial year 2021/22 is Kshs. 12,760,578,251. This amount was as a result of the approved annual budget in the financial year. Recurrent programmes had a total budget of Kshs. 8,989,910,885 representing 70% of the total budget while Development programmes were allocated a budget of Kshs. 3,770,667,366 which is equivalent to 30% of the County's approved budget.

The approved budget for the department of Youth and Sport was Kshs. 270,650,066 comprising of Kshs. 52,113,712 for recurrent expenditure and Kshs. 218,536,354 for development programmes.

REVENUE

The revenue realized in the first quarter was Kshs. 1,977,364,709. The source of the amount was as shown here below;

a) Exchequer releases	- Kshs. 1,758,806,806
b) Foreign/Domestic grants	- Kshs. 0
c) Transfer from other govt entities	- Kshs. 0
d) County own generated revenue	- Kshs. 218,246,289
e) Returned CRF Issues	- Kshs. 311,614

The report indicates that the County managed to collect Kshs. 218,246,289 in the period under review (Pg 22 of the report) as County own generated revenue. This translates to 20% of the total projected amount of Kshs. 1,091,524,891 (Own revenue including A.I.A). The target (pg. 9) for quarter 1 was Kshs. 272,881,223.

In terms of the actual amount collected as a percentage of the total annual projection, 20% was achieved as compared to the estimated 25% in every quarter.

In the period under review, the County did not receive conditional grants from development partners and National government.

The exchequer release for Youth and Sports department in the first quarter was Kshs. 4,685,057 for recurrent expenditures and it did not receive any funds for development with the release per month reported as below:

Month	Release recurrent	Release development
July	1,065,535	0
August	1,067,327	0
September	2,552,195	0
Total	4,685,057	0

EXPENDITURE

The expenditure target for the period under review was Kshs. 3,190,144,562 (Pg 13 of report) out of the total expenditure budget for the entire Fiscal year. This represents 25% of the total expenditure budget for the financial year. Recurrent expenditure target was Kshs. 2,247,477,721 while the target for development expenditure programs in the quarter was Kshs. 942,666,841.

The actual expenditure as reflected in the report is Kshs. 1,205,279,289 (pg 13 of the report) with Kshs 1,199,662,473 having been spent on recurrent activities while Kshs. 5,616,816 was spent on development programmes.

It's important to note that out of the actual total expenditure for the period, Kshs. 801,672,142 was used to compensate employees. This represents 66.51% of the total actual expenditure for the period.

The department of Youth and Sports had the actual expenditure of Kshs. 4,685,057 in the first quarter.

BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMMES

The Departmental budget implementation reports submitted indicates that during the first quarter, the department of Youth and Sports had a total expenditure of Kshs. 4,685,057 that was for recurrent programs.

The table shows the department's recurrent items, their budget estimates for the FY 2021/2022 and the expenditure in the first quarter.

CODE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATES FOR 2021/2022	FY	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1/07/2021- 30/09/2021 (1st quarter report)
2110101	Basic salaries	15,000,000.00		3,198,397
2210303	Daily subsistence allowance and accommodation	2,400,000		490,000
2211320	Temporary Committee Expenses	2,400,000		996,660
TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN THE FIRST QUARTER				4,685,057

During the interrogation, the Chief Officer submitted that Kshs. 290,000 was spend as transport and subsistence allowance (TSA) for the staffs who travelled to upload procurement plan, Kshs. 200,000 was office imprest while Kshs. 996,660 was paid as TSA for a temporary committee that was formed to clear the IFMIS at the end of the financial year.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The total pending bills reported in the quarter under review are Kshs. 422,810,236. The pending bills have been classified as follows;

- i) Construction of buildings Kshs. 29,709,646
- ii) Construction of Civil works Kshs. 65,762,899
- iii) Supply of goods Kshs. 47,854,269
- iv) Supply of services Kshs. 279,483,422

The department of Youth and Sports had a pending bill of Kshs. 26,330,286 and all was for development as shown in the table below;

Mr. Speaker, do I need to go through the table?

Temporary Speaker: You can skip the table.

Hon. Elvis Abuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Accounts Receivable.

Accounts receivables (outstanding Imprests) across all departments amounted to Kshs. 117,087,185 (Pgs 26 of the report). Finance and Economic Planning department had the highest outstanding imprests at Kshs. 47,711,186 followed by office of the County Secretary with Kshs. 21,246,500 Public service and administration had Kshs. 21,040,100 while Governor's office had Kshs. 15,466,039 outstanding. The department with least outstanding imprests was Education and Vocational Training with only Kshs. 200,000.

The cumulative outstanding imprests of the department of Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports were Kshs 1,526,000 but for Youth and Sports department only was only Kshs.490, 900. During the interrogation, the chief officer submitted that all imprests have been surrendered.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee General Observations

1. The committee made the following observations.
2. The department of Youth and Sports had an allocation of Kshs. 270,650,066 in the approved budget but its exchequer release in the first quarter was Kshs. 4,685,057 that was all for recurrent expenditures.
3. The department had a total pending bill of Kshs 26,330,286 as at 30th September, 2021 and it was all for development programmes.
4. The department only paid salary and spent Kshs.1, 486,660 under general administration services (travel costs, DSA, boards and committees). All the other programs were not implemented.
5. The department of Youth and Sports had outstanding imprests of Kshs.490, 000 as at the end of the first quarter but they have been surrendered.

Committee recommendations

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. **That**, the County departments should ensure implementation of the approved budget as per their work plans in every quarter.
2. **That**, the Committee directs the department to prioritize the pending bills when preparing proposed budget estimates to avoid unnecessary litigation and accumulation of outstanding payables.
3. **That**, the Chief Officer for Youth and Sports to comply with the provisions of Regulation 93 (4) (5) (6) and (7) of Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations 2015 by ensuring that the imprests are surrendered within the stipulated time.

4. **That** the Chief Officer should initiate the procurement processes for all the development projects on time to enable execution of projects/programmes within the timelines and absorb the fund allocated within the Financial Year to evade the pending bills.

On page 15 we have annexures that is documents submitted by the department of Youths and Sports and the First quarter Financial Statements for FY 2020/2021 for the period ended 30th September 2021.

Lastly, schedule is wholly signed by all members of the Youths and Sports committee. Allow me to call in Hon. Rose Imbega to second the report.

(Applause)

Hon. Rose Imbega: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand on my feet to second the report and also applaud the Vice Chair, the way he has taken us through.

(Applause)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable members, a motion having been moved and seconded, I now propose a question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just also want to appreciate the committee especially the Chair and the Vice Chair who has read the report for us. My key concern about the un-surrendered imprest, if at all maybe the committee in its recommendation could give directive on how this should be done at least it could be better.

Just to inform this House is that it's better for our committee clerks also to be informing the members on their reports, so that at least they should not just be ambushed, the way I was ambushed here. Otherwise, I support.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Jane Chebet

Hon. Jane Chebet: Mr. Speaker, thank you for catching my eye on your screen. I also want to join my colleagues by appreciating the work of the Committee on Youths and Sports and the eloquence in the mover of the motion and Hon. Imbega at her age; she is also in the Committee on Youths. That is very great of her.

Both members come from Tongaren, I think they have done great work. Every time Hon. Amunavi has stood on the floor of the House to move a motion, I have very little to comment because everything to me is straight and it's appreciable.

I really want to appreciate this committee and accept that it's one of the best committees that have worked hard. The Chair having led the way, things have gone on so well.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. James Mukhongo,

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I have gone through the recommendations and observations; but there is a question in my mind. We are recommending that the executive during the Annual budget should ensure that they pay the pending bills and my question is; who always approves this budget? It is this same House that is recommending to the executive. We need to take it seriously because we are the legislators of this Honourable House. Whatever is passed here, the executive will implement.

I am saying this because we are in the process of coming up with the Annual budget of 2022/2023. It is the highest time that we need to consider this issue of pending bills because it has opened up a window that the executive now know that they have a way to swindle some money and it's very difficult for us to oversight. Either they will give you less or more. It's a great concern but otherwise I support the report. I rest my case.

Temporary Speaker: Very well Hon. Mukhongo! In the absence of any other contributor, I will now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Elvis Abuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate all members who have contributed to this report. I even did not know that I am eloquent until Hon. Chebet mentioned it and also thank Hon. Mukhongo because was reading and I read something loud that the department that had the highest pending bill is Finance and Economic Planning whose Chair in this house is none other than Hon. Barasa himself. Therefore, I thank all members and pray that we adopt the report as read.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable members, a motion having been moved and seconded and debated upon, I now put the question that a report and its recommendations be adopted.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

There being no other business on our Order Paper, we adjourn till Tuesday 22nd February, 2022.

(House adjourns)

