

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

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THE DAILY HANSARD

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 2023

Afternoon Sitting

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 2023

The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable members, I wish to make the following adjustments to our Order Paper as we proceed. Item No. 8 on motion; after consultations with the leadership of the House, the said item on the report by the Committee on Implementation on the status report on implementation of adopted Public Accounts Committee report on the Auditor General's report for financial year 30th of June 2020 is hereby removed from the Order Paper and taken back to HBC for fresh allocation of time. We will consider item 9 (I) and (II) and come back to item 7 after proceeding from No. 3. From order 6 we will go to 9 before coming back to 7 which will be our last item on our Order Paper.

Secondly Honorable members, after concluding the vetting of the CECM and Chief Officers, the concerned committees are retreating today to prepare their reports. This is the order of report writing;

Friday

1. Committee on Appointments for report writing on the CECM - Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports at 9:30 a.m.
2. Committee on Education and Vocational Training at 12:00 noon.
3. Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning

1. Committee on Health and Sanitation from 9:00 a.m.
2. Committee on Public Administration and ICT at 11:00 a.m.
3. Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperatives Development at 2:30 pm for Chief Officers of Cooperatives and Chief Officer for Agriculture.

Finally, Honorable members, as we will be doing the Budget presentation by the CECM - Finance and Chief Officers - Finance and Economic Planning who are accompanying the

CECM in the plenary, in the Speaker's Gallery, I have the following visitors who have come to accompany the CECM from the County Treasury;

1. Esther Mukhula - Director Budget
2. Metrine Chonge - Deputy Director Economic Planning
3. Ambrose Makokha - Director Accounting Services
4. Alex Odanga - Director Supply Chain Management
5. Mathews Nzuma - Director Administration
6. Augustine Kipsang - Ward Based Programme Officer
7. Vincent Ngeywo - Director Asset Management
8. Benard Muchanga - Director Revenue
9. John Nalianya - Head of Communications

Kindly be seated.

In the Public Gallery, I have many visitors and you are all welcome for today's presentation of the budget.

We will now proceed according to our Order Paper.

(Honorable members standing at the door)

Honorable members, take up your positions.

BILLS

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY INSPECTORATE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BILL, COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2023 - FIRST READING

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me table the Bungoma County Inspectorate Compliance and Enforcement Bill, County Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2023.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, The Bungoma County Inspectorate Compliance and Enforcement Bill, 2023 having been read for the first time, I commit the same to the Committee on Public Administration and ICT for processing and report back to the House.

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND AMENITIES BILL, COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 7, 2023 - FIRST READING

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me table the Bungoma County Public Entertainment and Amenities Bill, County Assembly Bill no. 7 of 2023.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the Bungoma County Public Entertainment and Amenities Bill, 2023 having been read the first time, I commit the same to the Committee on Gender and Culture for processing and reporting back to the House.

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 2ND TO THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I present to the House the tentative weekly programme of business of the County Assembly commencement 2nd May to 4th May 2023

Tuesday 2nd May, 2023 at 2:30

Papers

1. Report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the office of the CECM for Youth, Gender, Culture and Sports.
2. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the office of the Chief Officer for Education and Vocational Training
3. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Trade, Energy and Industrialization
4. Report by Sectoral Committee on Health and Sanitation on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the Office of Chief Officer for Health and Sanitation
5. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Public Service Management
6. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Agricultural Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperatives Development on the vetting of the nominee for appointment Office of the Chief Officer for Agriculture and Cooperative Development.
7. Report by the Committee on Selection on balancing of Honourable members to County Assembly committees.
8. Report by the Ad hoc Committee on the Taskforce report on Scholarship, Pending bills and Human Resource Audit of the County government of Bungoma October 2022

Notices of Motion

1. THAT this House adopts the report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the office of the county executive committee member for Youth, Gender, Culture and Sports
2. THAT this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Education Vocational Training on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the office of the Chief Officer for Education and Vocational Training
3. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Trade, Energy and Industrialization
4. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Health and Sanitation on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Health and Sanitation

5. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Public Service and Management
6. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation, and Cooperative Development on the Vetting of the Nominees for appointment to the Offices of the Chief Officer for Agriculture and Cooperative Development.
7. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Committee on Selection on balancing of Hon. Members to County Assembly Committees
8. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Ad hoc committee on the Task force Reports on Scholarships, Pending Bills, and Human Resource Audit of the County Government of Bungoma, October 2022.

Statements

1. A Statement sought by Hon. Ndasaba Dorcas Nakhumicha from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Co-operative Development in relation to the status of Namanjalala Dam plot number (Bungoma/Naitiri/147) in Naitiri/ Kabuyefwe ward.
2. A Statement sought by Hon. Ndasaba Dorcas Nakhumicha from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Co-operative Development in relation to the status of Kabuyefwe Farmers' Cooperative Society in Naitiri/Kabuyefwe Ward.

Wednesday 3rd May, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Papers

1. Report of the Auditor General on Bungoma County Trade Development loan funds for the year ended 30th June, 2022
2. Report of the Auditor General on Bungoma County Education Support Scheme for the year ended 30th June, 2022

Statements

Statement sought by the Hon. Busolo Sudi from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources in relation to the implementation status of a motion decentralized of dumpsites to every sub county

Motions

1. THAT this House adopts the report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the Office of the County Executive Committee Member for Youth, Gender, Culture and Sports
2. THAT this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the office of the Chief Officer for Education and Vocational Training
3. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Public Service and Management

Wednesday 3rd May, 2023 2:30 p.m.

Statements

1. A statement sought by the Mountable Johnstone Okasida Ipara from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational training in relation to the status of the Tongaren and Milimani Vocational training centres that is VTCs
2. A statement sought by the Hon. Johnstone Okasida Ipara from the chairperson, sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in relation to the road network in Tongaren in Kiminini ward

Motions

1. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Trade, Energy and Industrialization
2. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Health and Sanitation on the Vetting of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the Chief Officer for Health and Sanitation
3. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation, and Cooperative Development on the Vetting of the Nominees for appointment to the Offices of the Chief Officer for Agriculture and Cooperative Development.

Thursday 4th May, 20223 2:30 p.m.

Statements

1. Response from the county executive committee member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation, and Cooperative Development to a statement sought by Hon. Alfred Mukhanya in respect to environmental and health menace being experienced by the residents of Ndivisi ward living close to Makemo DAM
2. Response from the county executive committee member Health and Sanitation to a statements sought by Hon. Stephen Wafula Wamalwa in respect to the status of construction of Misanga dispensary in Mkautano health centres in Sosysambu Mituwa ward

Motions

1. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Committee on Selection on balancing of Hon. Members to County Assembly Committees
2. THAT this House adopts the Report by the Ad hoc committee on the Task force Reports on Scholarships, Pending Bills, and Human Resource audit of the County Government of Bungoma, October 2022.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Stephen Wamalwa. Honourable Members that is our tentative timetable of next week. I think eight motions in three sittings, so we are equal to the task by the end of the week, we will then adjourn for long recess.

STATEMENTS

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023 /2024
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 232(1)**

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, at this juncture, I will ask our Sergeant to usher in the CEC for Finance and Economic Planning, equally with his Chief Officers, so that we start the budget presentation highlights as proposed in our budget estimates for financial year 2023/2024.

Honourable members, for record purposes in the HANSARD as per our Standing Orders 232(1), we have our CEC for Finance and Economic Planning for Bungoma County CPA Chrispinus Barasa, he is accompanied by Chief Officer for Finance Dinah Makokha and Chief Officer for Economic Planning, Edward Makhandia. CECM, we hereby welcome you to this plenary and ask that you proceed and present the budget highlight estimates before this House according to our Standing Orders.

Honourable CEC for Finance: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Honourable Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Honourable Members of the County Assembly, the Clerk to the County Assembly, Ladies and gentlemen allow me to first thank His Excellency the Governor for working around the clock by convening a special Cabinet meeting within constraint time to ensure this document is in place. I would also appreciate my team at the County treasury, the Honourable Speaker, distinguished members' of the County Assembly and the public for their enormous support and contribution throughout the whole process of preparing this document, your presence here is a testimony of the immense trust and responsibility that the people of Bungoma have bestowed upon us.

Honourable members, this is a historical moment for our County. This being the first time the CEC Finance and Economic planning is presenting budget estimates to the floor of this House.

Pursuant to section 104(1) and 129(1)(2)(a) the County Treasury is mandated to prepare and submit the Annual Budget estimates to County Assembly after approval from County Executive committee. Honourable members, the budget submitted is the County Government of Bungoma Budget estimated for the financial year 2023/2024. Allow me to make the following presentation;

Our total resource envelop is 14,036,53,972. The budget is strategically divided between the two arms of Government, County executive 13,064,490,955 and County Assembly 971,563,01.17. Our resource envelop is composed of transfer from National Government, 10,952,828.80, conditional grants from National Government totalled to 255,000,00 and conditional grants from development partners 463,050,812. Our County Public Funds totals to 158,808,217, our locally generated AiA total to 1,124,665,392. The local revenue is 1,081,701,471. That totals to Kshs 14, 036,053,972.

Allocation from National Government has remained fairly constant based on the historical data and this shows that the County Government has to put more emphasis in increasing her own source revenue.

Conditional grants National Government, leasing of medical equipment of 110,000,000 is also budgeted in this resource envelope. We also have this Agriculture, Industrial park grant of 100,000,000 which form part of the development partners; that is the grant from National Government.

From conditional grants and development partners; we have health department which has UNICEF, DANIDA, NARIGP and livestock that is Agricultural sector development support program which is also financing that total. We also have water which has FLOCA that's financing locally led climate action of 22,000,000 then we also have climate change grant of 125,000,000.

We have the County Public Funds that is the Bungoma County Trade loan which has 155,679,935, Bungoma County Women Empowerment Fund has 20,526,343, Bungoma County Disability Empowerment Fund has 12,317,615 and Bungoma County Youth Empowerment Fund 29,984,324.

Honourable members, Appropriation in Aid (AiA) of this year is 1.1 billion, amount collected in the facility is not banked in County Revenue Fund but banked in commercial bank collection account. To comply with section 102(2)(a) of Public Finance Management Act 2012 the Ministry enacted the Bungoma County Health Services Act 2019 and also the facility have initiated the opening of account in Central Bank to comply with section 82 of PFM regulation 2015. The AiA will assist in improving the services in the Health and revenue streams will also be monitored based on monthly performance report.

On Local Revenue, the increase in local revenue from 500 million to 1 billion was occasioned by input subsidy of 163,000,000 conversion of ministry AiA to local revenue of 218,701,471. Increase of local revenue projection of 200 million.

We have a summary of the County expenditure budget which;

No.	Department	Recurrent (Kshs)	Development(Kshs)
1	Agriculture	412,000,000	819,000,000
2	Tourism, Environment, Forestry and Natural Resources	341,000,000	205,000,000
3	Water	76,000,000	229,000,000
4	Roads and Public Works	148,349,030	1,000,000,000
5	Education and Vocational Training	1,200,000,000	304,000,000
6	Health	3,400,000,000	446,000,000
7	Sanitation	2,000,000	17,000,000
8	Trade Energy and Industrialisation	58,000,000	529,000,000
9	Lands, Urban and Physical planning	59,000,000	68,000,000
10	Bungoma Municipality	40,000,000	207,000,000
11	Kimilili municipality	50,000,000	207,000,000

12	Housing	17,000,000	150,000,000
13	Gender and Culture	100,000,000	195,000,000
14	County Assembly	938,000,000	33,000,000
15	Finance and Economic planning	1,205,263,665	135,000,000
16	County Public Service	50,000,000	10,000,000
17	Governor's Office	373,000,000	-
18	Deputy Governor's office	22,000,000	-
19	Public Administration	762,000,000	
20	Sub County administration	18,000,000	-
21	County Secretary's office	25,000,000	-

In Agriculture, we had clear development activities that are going to happen, that is key of them which have highlighted;

- Purchase of fertiliser;138,000,000,
- Purchase of top dressing fertilizer 117,000,000
- Purchasing of planting seeds 53,000,000,
- Agriculture information data centre which is going to be developed 6,000,000,
- Crop insurance 32, 000,000
- Rehabilitation of Makemo dam 12,000,000,
- NARIGP Program which is already there 280 then project supervision which is known as bill one that is 14,000,000
- Ward Based Projects 16,000,000
- Project supervision on County project 19,000,000.

On Mabanga, we have projected the following;

- Installation of solar water pump 1.7 million,
- Dairy project which is also going to be undertaken by Mabanga 12,000,000,
- Poultry project 4.7 million
- Project supervision 990,000.

Upgrade of Chwele Fish farm 12,000,000

On Environment and Tourism;

- Strategic program climate change institution support program of 76,000,000
- Operation of climate fund 118,000,000.

On water;

- Strategic program totaling to 229 ,000,000

Roads;

- Strategic program totaling to 1,000,000,000.

On health,

- Leasing of Medical equipment 110,000,000
- Ward Based Project 78,000,000,

BCRH;

- Equip 300 bed capacity of 47,000,000
- Complete with blood bank building,
- Complete the commodity store
- Construct the radiology unit.

Webuye County hospital;

- Construction of Sewerage system of 38,000,000
- Complete the ICU project of 19,000,000.

Honorable Members, on Industrialization, we have a grant of;

- Industrial Development and Management of 100,000,000
- Co-funding of 100,000,000.

Lands, we are keen on;

- GIS lab 28,000,000
- Ward based projects in the Lands is 22,000,000.

Bungoma Municipality;

- Improve on drainage at *Soko Kubwa* to operationalize it at 9.5 Million,
- Construction of modern auction ring with Public toilets revenue office to boost revenue at 9.5 Million
- Construction of modern public toilets at Simba Street to be handed over to a group for management at 7 Million.
- Construction of modern market stalls and bus park at Kanduyi for business Community at 66,500,000,
- Purchase of land along Webuye- Malaba road for trailer parking to avoid congestion at road reserves.
- Ward based projects around municipalities at 10 Million.

Kimilili Municipality, strategic programmes;

- construction of auction ring,
- Modern Public Toilets,
- Revenue office,
- Vehicle parking and offloading area at a cost 14.2 Million.
- Construction of Modern market stalls at 33,000,000

- Ward based project around Kimilili around 68,000,000.

County Assembly, we have three key projects

- Construction of Debating Chamber 1st phase then
- Erection of Car ports at Member parking yard at 5,000,000,
- Construction of the speaker's residential House at 15,000,000

Finance and Economic Planning

- Emergence fund 100,000,000
- ICT Development 33,000,000

In Public Service Management and Administration,

- Build 4 Ward offices; that is construction of Kimaeti Ward office, South Bukusu Ward Office, Kapkateny Ward Office and of Milima Ward Office.

County Assembly intervention of legal framework to improve on budget implementation and prudent financial management, one of them is strategic intervention and promotion of key programmes.

Chwele Fish Farm

Chwele fish firm has been given consideration in production of fish especially the most preferred type in scientific name we call *oriocromis lotticas* that is tilapia and production of fingerlings. It requires strategic tools and we have provided so that Mabanga ATC can benefit from fresh fish from the firm as well as farmers who need education on fish as well as getting immediate supply. We expect improved income from the firm when this intervention is realized.

Chwele Chicken Slaughter House

It is now in operation with daily capacity of 5,000 chicken demands. Unfortunately the supply is from outside this County. To ensure our farmers benefit, we have prioritized poultry production in the Ward based project budget, Mabanga ATC to start poultry production and the ministry will strive to give capacity training to our farmers to patronize this factory by ensuring promotional hatcheries and chick distribution.

For Chwele chicken slaughter House to reach class A slaughter House and remain competitive, we must provide the necessary facilities which include office block and laboratory, culverts, staff canteen and restaurant, solar power operation, civil works, protection of water channels temporary holding, yard water treatment. These are the requirements that informed the allocation of 30 Million. The project is managed by Shiver chick limited and the County will partner with the manager for the purpose of maintaining the County brand.

Mabanga ATC

It is a very strategic area that provides the following services; hotel services, farm training, tractor service, poultry production, dairy production. These services have been underutilized or patronized. This year's allocation is to provide a start to operationalize the centre and the County entities have been advised to partner with the centre while holding their meetings within the County, bearing in mind the existing competitive facilities not disregarded.

County Government of Bungoma has acquired several pieces of land that is lying idle. To increase food security, Mabanga ATC will utilize such land on temporary basis on strategic food production until such a time such land will be put to intended use. This is to avoid increased encroachment on the County land.

Municipality of Bungoma and Kimilili

Municipalities are very key entities in promoting urban centre activities and therefore we have realigned all the allocation that belong to our Municipalities to be budgeted under the relevant municipalities to conform to the development patterns expectations and also proper distribution of functions. Apart from that, the revenue collection in the relevant municipalities has been aligned accordingly and resources attached. Besides that, His Excellence the Governor formed a Committee to ensure that the transfer of functions is smooth and the County Executive Committee approved the approach and assured that the relevant departments will continue to initiate programmes that support municipality.

Based on this initiative, the two municipalities have received a total of 419 Million, Bungoma 249,000, and Kimilili 172 Million.

Kanduyi Stadium

It is important to note that key important activities are earmarked to happen in our County. Lake Region Economic Block summit and next year Madaraka day celebration will be held at Kanduyi Stadium. Therefore, more emphasis will be put in the completion of this facility with close consultation with the Government.

Ward based projects

These are projects that are anchored on the concept of spirit of devolution where great efforts should be made such that strategic interventions respond to community needs. On this basis, every Ward has been allocated 24 Million adding up to 1Billion budget to enable the Member of the County Assembly who have both financial and political risks to address the needs of the Community through Public participation meeting to identify critical needs of the Community/ These allocations have been budgeted accordingly every department debating on the project amount.

Rig usage on priority areas

On operation of the rig, the allocation was to prioritize our health facilities, ECDEs and VTCs to have water before other interventions. This is to ensure that our people access clean water and promote life. That is healthy people more wealth.

Market improvement initiative to improve revenue

For the County to increase its own source revenue, the following strategies have been put in place;

1. Prioritizing the allocation of funds towards market amenities like construction of modern Public toilets on all markets. Construction of modern auction ring with toilets and revenue offices in all markets, Construction of market stalls in all markets that provide conducive and competitive business environment.
2. Purchase of forty five motorbikes for the 45 Wards to ensure proper supervision of revenue and response in action time.
3. Upgrading the revenue management system to ensure total cashless transaction across all local revenue administration.
4. Automation of all health facilities operation for all revenue streams by [purchasing a health management system.

Honorable Members, fiscal measures

Administration of Bill 1. County Assembly recommended County treasury to come up with a framework to administer bill which was done and guided as follows:

All entities have been revised to comply with the following condition while administering Bill 1 component in all their projects;

All projects where Bill 1 is applied shall be separated and given a separate line in the budget and all contracts shall be prepared without bill 1 component. Bill 1 shall be estimated at 10% of the project amount. The amount of Bill 1 shall have a clear work plan approved by the Public Finance Management standing Committee of every entity. Every entity shall maintain a cash book of Bill 1 expenditure. All requisition of bill 1 expenditure shall be approved by the PFM standing Committee through an imprest approach.

The allowances for the officers shall be in line with the approved Government allowance by salary and remuneration Commission. The technical team that is supervising the project will provide clear field report to the committee with their claim for approval. On-going projects where bill 1 has not been remitted by a contract, a register of payment should be maintained and expenditure incurred properly be documented for County treasury clarification. On-going projects where bill 1 has not been remitted the contractor will be paid less the Bill 1 cost and its application to follow as indicated.

Ward based projects

These are programmes that are identified as an intervention for a particular ward and the relevant implementing department will have a separate economic item for the Ward based projects. No single project under Ward Based Projects category should exceed 8 Million to allow for proper distribution of resources to village levels.

All Wards should adhere to fiscal risks responsibility where previous Ward based projects should be considered as first charge before any new project is initiated.

Ward-based projects should take into consideration the needs of every village unit as per public participation priority areas. Projects identified should be aligned to the County Annual Development Plan, be in line with the Sustainable Development Goals SDG 1 and 2, no poverty and zero hunger and quality education STG 4 based on available value chain industries which have been underutilized but have greater economic value to common *mwananchi*.

The allocation of... should prioritize the following

1. Chwele Chicken Slaughter House demands 5,000 birds every day therefore more resources should be directed to hatcheries and poultry production.
2. Webuye Milk production plant which require promotion of dairy animals.

From the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, our core functions involve promotion of pre-primary education, village polytechnic, home craft centers, children's facilities. Therefore, while supplementing national functions on bursaries and scholarship more emphasis must be put on our core functions.

On Health, there shall be a collaboration such that ward based allocation should be for construction and equipping of dispensaries or health centers as a package while the department of health shall provide staff and support services to operationalize the facilities.

Administration of emergency fund, it is important to note that all entities should be advanced with emergency funds, the accounting officers will take full responsibility on the administration of projects including the procurement process as well creation of relevant line to initiate procurement on E-platform and any emergency will be informed by the Disaster Management Committee.

Honourable members, verification on projects before payment; before the County treasury pays any projects, a field visit will be conducted to confirm the existence and status as recommended and a team is already working, this is to avoid shoddy work and incomplete work being paid.

Programme facilitation through imprests; to ensure that all these financial commitments comply with the Appropriation Act, a compliance team was constituted where all programmes are verified and those that do not meet the compliance test are declined and this is already in operation and entities are advised to observe financial discipline.

The County treasury has advised entities to focus on service delivery and recruitment will be restricted to replacement and key technical areas of services. Otherwise, entities should focus on training that improves service delivery and this is under wage bill management.

Honourable members, on management of revenue and marching on expenditure, it is important to know that budget deficit has been occurring every end of financial years due to lack of adherence to fiscal planning by the county treasury on marching revenue and expenditure. Due to this, the county treasury advises as follows;

1. Revenue sources are from development partners, local revenue, exchequer and AiA
2. County Assembly, Office of the Governor to County Treasury shall be financed by exchequer due to compliance nature of their operation.
3. All development votes shall be financed by development partners and exchequer, all salaries and statutory payments shall be financed by exchequer, all operational maintenance shall be financed partly by exchequer and local revenue and AiA. All budget programmes shall be linked to a source of revenue.
4. All local revenue and AiA programmes shall be allocated only when revenue has been received.

Management of pending bills, commitment and statutory deductions; all entities are advised to devise a clear disclosure of pending Bills commitments and statutory deductions in arrears while preparing their budget estimates and prioritize them as far as cage. County treasury will continue to enforce compliance of this matter in line with section 105 of PFM Act of 2015 on Powers of County treasury.

Revenue raising measures; the revenue targets for local revenue is 1Billion and AiA is Kshs1.1Billion, this requires robust measures to ensure maximum collection of revenue. The following are the revenue measures that are set to assist meet the target;

1. Decentralization of revenue to the ward level for easier administration where the ward administrator will have to account for all the revenues in the ward and ensure strict administrative action is taken to achieve the target.
2. Development of revenue laws to facilitate enforcement of revenue through court. Several laws are on the floor of the House and immediately they are passed they will be operationalized and those published or awaiting publication are;
 1. The Bungoma County Cooperative Society Bill 2023
 2. Bungoma County Public Markets Amendment Bill 2023
 3. Bungoma County Revenue Administration Amendment Bill 2023
 4. Bungoma County Public Participation and Civil Education and Amendment Bill 2023
 5. Bungoma County Weights and Measures Bill 2023
 6. Bungoma County Outdoors Advertising and Signage Regulation Control Bill 2023
 7. Bungoma County Inspection Compliance and Enforcement Bill 2023
 8. Bungoma County Entertainment and Amenities Bill 2023.

Those in the drafting stage;

1. Bungoma County Rating Bill
2. Bungoma County Animal Control and Welfare Bill 2023

3. Bungoma County Lake Region and Economic Block Bill 2023
4. Bungoma County Physical Planning and Land Use Planning Bill 2023
5. Bungoma County Public Health and Sanitation Bill 2023

3. Establishment of County courts to dispense with the revenue defaulters faster; the Office of the County Attorney is finalizing with the process to ensure reinforcement of revenue is achieved.

4. Tax incentives to motivate small traders by exempting them from paying tax for two days in a week under governor's manifesto for resident traders registered in specific markets will encourage personal commitment to pay tax.

5. Involving members of the County Assembly as revenue champions to manage political risk; already consultative meetings going on revealed members of the County Assemblies are key enablers of revenue collection by mobilizing their electorates with the current good will the target is expected to be achieved.

6. Enforcing cash less approach in paying tax across all revenue streets.

7. To have planned review meetings with stakeholder on revenue performance, this will continue daily, weekly, monthly or on quarterly basis to ensure any deviation is managed accordingly.

8. Continuously train revenue collectors and boost their morale and enable them remain on target.

That is my brief overview of the Budget and I now humbly submit the County Government of Bungoma Budget estimates for the financial year 2023/24 to the County Assembly of Bungoma this day of the 27th April, 2023.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the budget estimates for the financial year 2023/24 and the read documents having been submitted to the table before this House in compliance with Standing Order number 232(2) and (3), I hereby proceed and commit the same budget estimates to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation in compliance with our Standing Orders to proceed and process the same and report back to the House as per our Standing Orders before 30th of June, 2023. We proceed and have the same taken to the committee for processing and that means in our Standing Orders each sector committee is supposed to extract its sector budget, interrogate and forward their submissions.

I wish to invite all honourable members, our CEC finance and the Chief Officers, my special visitors in both public and speaker's gallery for a cup of tea in our new building. Before we rise up, we would like to give sometime to our visitors to exit slowly, to clear the way for the Speaker's procession.

(Loud consultations)

Order please, we are still in session.

The Sergeants, you have to clear the way out there. Looking at our Order Paper, that was the last item as per our rearrangement, so we will adjourn our sitting for today and resume next week Tuesday 2nd of May 2023 as our programme in our Order Paper.

(House adjourns)