

# **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA**

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### **COUNTY ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

#### **THE DAILY HANSARD**

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## THE HANSARD- OFFICIAL REPORT

**TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024**

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

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

### **PRAYER**

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

#### **1. VISIT BY HIS HIGHNESS *OWELUKOSI OMUKUKA* THE THIRD- JUDE MIKE MUTUMA**

Honourable Members, in the Speaker's Gallery and the Public Gallery we do have visitors; it is with great honour and deep gratitude that I stand before you today to welcome to the County Assembly of Bungoma His Highness *Owelukosi Omukuka* the third- Jude Mike Mutuma; distinct cultural leader of the *Bamasaba*.

The following leaders from *enzu ya Bamasaba* and officials from the County Government of Bungoma's Executive have accompanied His Highness, *owelukosi Omukuka*:

1. Rt. Hon. Dr. Sylvester Wakoli Bifwoli - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for regional affairs in *enzu yo omukuka*
2. Pst. Jennifer Mbatiany - Deputy Governor for Bungoma County
3. William Nasong'o - County Secretary
4. Alice Wafula - Director for Culture
5. Tobias - OCPD for Bungoma West
6. Rt. Hon. Patrick Meru- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Local Government, Rural and Clan Committee Affairs
7. Bernard Nyongesa Mureka - Minister for Governance and Accountability
8. Prof. Bonventure Wanjala Kereng' - Minister of *Omukuka*'s Affairs in Diaspora
9. Eng. Agnes Wachie - Special envoy for *Bamasaba* culture and heritage
10. Metrine Nangila Wilson - Special envoy for social solidarity, culture institution development; but she is part of us

*(Applause)*

Honourable Members, kindly take up your seats.

*(Members proceed from the bar to their seats)*

#### **11. Phillip Wanyonyi Wekesa - Ambassador for Resource Mobilization and Development**

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12. Cornel Tom Liru Wanambisi - Retired Coordinator of Communities for *Bamasaba* in Kenya
13. Davidson Wadata - Envoy for Local Partnership and Strategic Development Initiatives
14. Anthony Wangoro - Secretary to the Cabinet
15. Nelson Waidara - Minister for Culture and Diversities, Inclusion and Public Grievances
16. Betty Mabonga – Chairperson, *Nabakelema* Foundation
17. Kennedy Weyusia Okisia - Minister for Tourism, Wildlife and Historical Monuments
18. Laban Joshua Musigusi -CRO Foundation representative for Uganda and Kenya Environment Preservation and Carbon Credit.

Feel welcome to the County Assembly of Bungoma, this is your home your Highness.

Honourable Members, the presence of His Highness with his team is a testament to the enduring bonds of brotherhood and shared heritage that unite the *Bamasaba* and the *Bukusu* communities; and by extension the entire Luhya communities residing across the border of Kenya and Uganda. Your being here is a symbol of rich cultural diversity that weaves together the historical, traditional and aspirations of our people. The *Bamasaba* and the *Bukusus* are not just neighbors; we are keenly linked by blood, language and common destiny. Our fore fathers forged a relationship grounded in mutual respect, cooperation and deep understanding of our cultural values.

Let us all be reminded of the powerful role the cultural leadership plays in preserving our identity and fostering unity. Your Highness, your leadership of *Bamasaba* has been exemplary and inspired by your commitment to promoting cultural awareness, education and the wellbeing of your people. Your visit here underscores the significance of the cultural diplomacy in straightening the ties that bind us.

Your Highness, in Bungoma County, the *Bukusu* community cherishes its cultural heritage and we recognize the importance of maintaining our customs and traditions in the face of modern challenges. Your visit provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our shared heritage and to explore ways in which we can collaborate for the benefit of our communities. Together, we can address issues such as education, health care, economic development and cultural preservations. By fostering ties between the *Bamasaba* and the *Bukusus*, we can build a bright future for our children and ensure that our rich culture and legacy is passed down to our future generation.

Your Highness, as you grace us with your presence, we are reminded of the words of our elders; a child does not grow her way up in isolation but within the embrace of the community. Let us therefore embrace this opportunity to strengthen our bonds to learn from each other and to walk together in the path of progress and mutual respect. Thank you all for coming to this House.

Honourable Members, at an appropriate time, I will allow you to make few remarks

We proceed to the next item

*(Applause)*

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, I think this is the time; I will allow members to make a few remarks concerning our visitors in the Public Gallery and the Speaker's Gallery.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for according me this opportunity to make a remark on this very auspicious day. First of all, I wish to welcome and thank His Highness the *Omukuka* for choosing to come and pay a courtesy call to this very important institution. Where we sit, we understand that we are a family that was put aside by the colonial boundaries which were forceful; but as a people, we are excited that this is a direction that makes sure and reminds us that as a people, today we are overcoming the boundaries that were set by the colonial powers in this region. That there is hope that in future, our children will understand our origin, will understand that we are a people who lived and existed together.

Your Highness, this is a place that was set up by the colonial powers, those people who actually demarcated the boundaries that set apart the *Bamasaba* and the *Bukusu* people; but today, we are here sitting in this building and we know that going forward, we are going to teach our people. I was very keen when the *Omukuka* said that we are slaves, he didn't use these words but I can tell you I took that very strongly. We are slaves because none of us, especially the *Bukusu* nation in Kenya is teaching our children the *Bukusu* language. We pride ourselves in speaking English and Kiswahili, we take courses up to PHD level learning the linguistics of English and Kiswahili and other linguistics but we forget the very first language of our forefathers.

As I finish, I want to implore the Gender and Cultural Committee in this House with the help of the administration and leadership of this Assembly through the Heritage Act; that inclusion of fostering our language is given prominence so that we can move forward and make sure that our language is not going to be extinct. If we are not careful, even the *Bukusu* language will be extinct with time.

I want to welcome you Your Highness. We are here and we are excited with your entourage. As you travel back, we pray for your journey mercies. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this golden opportunity to appreciate our visitors in a special way. I wish to first appreciate His Highness the King, *Ownelukosi Omukuka* the third for appointing me to be one of His Cabinet Members as a special envoy on Social Solidarity, Cultural Institutional Development and Reforms.

(Applause)

Before I proceed, I would like our members to know that His Highness is accompanied by cabinet ministers...

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Member, stick to the contributions. I have done the communication

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** Yes, thank you Speaker. I would like to say that *Enzu ya Bamasaba* comprise of *Bakisu* and *Bukusus* and it was founded in 1962. The first king was Mugoma during

colonial times and Obote times and it was abolished by His Excellence Amin and reinstated by His Excellence Museveni in 1995. Our first king during His Excellence Museveni was His Highness Wilson Wamimbi and the second one was His Highness Bob Mushikoli. Now we have His Highness Jude Mike Mudoma.

Hon. Speaker, I now go back to my contribution. It is with immense pride and great honour that I stand before you today to welcome His Highness *Owelukosi Omukuka* the third, Jude Mike Mudoma the revered cultural leader of *Bamasaba* community to the County Assembly of Bungoma. His presence alongside his esteemed delegation is a testament to the enduring bonds of friendships and cultural heritage that unite our communities across the border of Kenya and Uganda. The *Bamasaba* community with their rich traditions and cultural heritage has always been a beacon of resilience and pride. Your leadership, Your Highness; serves as a guiding pride for many illuminations; the path of cultural preservation, education and community development. We are deeply honoured to host you and we look forward to the insights and wisdom you will share with us.

I wish to extend our gratitude to His excellence Hon. Kenneth Makelo Lusaka, the Governor of Bungoma County for inviting our *Omukuka* to visit this great county. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to you Hon. Emmanuel Mukhebi Situma, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma for welcoming the King and His delegation to this House.

The *Bamasaba* cultural institution also known as *Enzu ye Bamasaba* exists to preserve our culture, protect land rights and conserve the environment amongst other contemporary and emerging issues like education and health. In our rapidly changing world, it is essential that we hold first to our cultural roots and values. They are the foundation upon which we build our identities and our future. As leaders and custodians of our heritage, we have a profound responsibility to protect and promote our cultural legacy for...

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Member you will have to wind up please...

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** ...yes I am winding up Hon. Speaker. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Bamasaba community to the socio-economic and cultural tapestry of our region. Your entrepreneur spirit, education and unwavering commitment to community development have significantly enriched our society. In our Cabinet, our king also embraces education. Last year in October, he even visited the Wales University in the United Kingdom and the team from Wales University even came back to reciprocate our King's visit and they are willing to promote education by giving scholarships and to even promote youth sports by offering training scholarships; especially those who are not talented in academics.

**Mr. Speaker:** You will have to wind up we have a budget ahead us.

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** They are also willing to donate some money to build our museums which will also preserve our heritage.

(Applause)

Now that we are a family, I would like you to allow us some time in your own wisdom that Gender and Culture Committee visits to benchmark on the same. Equally, I support the sentiments of the Hon. Deputy Speaker on enacting a legislation and coming up with policies that support culture in our area. With those few remarks I submit and welcome your Highness.

**Hon. Caleb Wanjala:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. Basing on the work ahead of us, I will also join my colleagues in appreciating His Highness the King of *Bamasaba* for coming to Bungoma County. Indeed this shows that Africa is one and we need to work together. If you go in Uganda, you will realize that we share names, culture and everything. Mine was just to welcome him to this County.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Asante Ndugu Spika. Nachukua hii fursa kwanza kumkaribisha kiongozi wetu ambaye ni *Omukuka* kutoka taifa la Uganda aliyejuka kututembelea. Sisi jamii ya Bukusu ni ndugu wa jamii Bagisu kule Uganda. Historia inatueleza kwamba mtu Mbukusu na Mgisu walikuwa mandugu lakini mipaka iliyowekwa na wakoloni ndio iliyotutenganisha. Ningependa kuchukua hii fursa niseme karibu sana ndugu *Omukuka* kwa sababu sisi kama jamii tungependa tutembeleane kila mara pasipo na vikwazo vya aina yoyote

(Applause)

Nao wanatutembelea pasipo na masharti yoyote hasa hapa jambo kubwa ambalo tuko nalo kila mara tunapo jaribu kuoa dada zetu kutoka kule Abagisu inakua ni changamoto kupata kitambulisho. Hilo ni jambo ambalo tunatakikana tulishughulikie kiserikali; tuhakikishe kuwa jamii ya Wabukusu na Bagisu tutembeleane na tufanye biashara ili kuinua uchumi wa maeneo yetu. Ndugu Spika, huu mwaka mnajua ni mwaka wa kutuunganisha kupitia *embalu*. *Embalu* huwa inatuleta pamoja wakati tunakuwa na sherehe mwezi wa nane. Nataka kusihi kwamba ikiwezekana, sisi kama wajumbe tutenge fedha kiasi fulani ili tuweze kutembelea ndugu wetu wa Uganda na kushiriki sherehe hiyo na hao pia waweze kuja hapa kwetu. Karibu ndugu *Omukuka*.

(Applause)

**Hon. Tony Khaoya:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. First I wish to confirm to this House that I am the immediate neighbour of *Omukuka*; bordering Uganda through Lwakhakha and with the integration of East African Community, I want to laud the *Omukuka* leadership that has brought about the integration and unity among the Bukusu clan and the Bagisu group in Uganda. It is high time as the community that we embrace the unity and diverse culture between the two countries. I wish also to confirm that through the leadership of *Omukuka* we have a unified people of integrity from both Kenya and Uganda. I summarize by saying *papa Omukuka wateka khwola Mukenya* (our King, we thank you for coming to Kenya).

(Applause)

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to welcome His Highness with his delegation, as well as our own; Her Excellency Deputy Governor. I want to echo the sentiments made by Honourable Members in welcoming his Highness to Bungoma County and in particular in this House. I wish to bring to your attention that Bungoma County is rich in culture. It produced the largest number of fighters during the colonial war. We have areas which are essential for purposes of culture and learning of our children. There was war in Lumboka and Myanga where our forefathers died fighting the colonial rule.

Hon. Wambulwa has mentioned about *Embalu* (circumcision) ceremony that is normally held in Mbale, Uganda. I have gone to this place severally to visit my brothers and sisters and I can confirm that this ceremony is held at a place called Emutoto; promoting our culture specifically circumcision.

This country hosts an area called *Mwiyala Wa Mango* where the Bukusu circumcision history begun. The center is in Malakisi and I request His Highness the King of *Bamasaba* that during cabinet deliberations; they consider *Mwiyala Wa Mango* and make it a cultural centre. Instead of always going to Emutoto for *Embalu*, *Mwiyala Wa Mango* can also host this ceremony interchangeably with Emutoto in Uganda.

Your Highness, as you visit this country, these are some of the areas that you should consider visiting with your delegation. We also have Chetambe in Webuye which is equally historical; just to mention but a few. I wind up by welcoming you to this county *Omukuka*.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. It would have been very bad if I could not have spoken because *Omukuka* the King has hosted me as his guest in Mbale and I also want to thank him for visiting Bungoma. Bungoma is just part of his region I want to thank him for considering some of our people in his cabinet like Hon. Wakoli Bifwoli, who is a resident in my Ward, Hon. Mureka who is also my grandfather and Hon. Nangila who is a Member in this House. This shows the consideration of the King of Bamasaba and the importance of the people of Bungoma to his Kingdom.

I wish to highlight the importance of Bungoma as a town in regards to the economic value of the *Bamasaba* as a region. Right now, we have an airport that is going to be of importance; not only to the people of Bungoma, but also to the people *Masaba*.

We have the Immigration Office in Bungoma and as Hon. Wambulwa said, it is important that we start considering our brothers from across as part of our family and if there is need, they should be given an opportunity to get passports from the Bungoma office so that they are counted as part of this region. Let us not segregate these communities based on the colonial boundaries. We are still a family and let us live with love and continue with the culture that shows respect to our people and also rich in terms of tourism.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Asante Ndugu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Kwanza kabisa Mfalme napenda kukukaribisha katika mji huu kwa kutambua kuwa mji wa Bungoma ni kati ya himaya ya ile miji ambayo unatawala. La pili na la mwisho, leo asubuhi kabla hujaja nikamuuliza mzazi wangu na akaniambia huyo mfalme anakuja ndiye baba yako; akirudi huko, hakikisha umerudi akuonyeshe kipande cha shamba chako huko Uganda.

*(Applause)*

Tena mamangu akaniambia, angalia Mfalme miguu yake na uangalie miguu yako; jinsi unatembea ni miguu ya huyo Mfalme.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Everlyne Achieng':** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet not as one of the *Bamasaba*; but a woman married here and a wife to the *Bamasaba*. I want to take this opportunity to welcome His Highness the leader of the *Bamasaba* to this House and I do not have many

vocabularies or many Bukusu vocabularies, but I just want to send you back with the greetings to the leader of the *Iteso*- which is my tribe the *Emormor*.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, those who haven't had a chance to speak, let me take this chance on your behalf and say welcome once again to Bungoma County *Omukuka*. This is part of your Kingdom all the way from Mbale to this region.

Next Order?

## BILLS

### 1. THE BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024; SECOND READING

**Mr. Speaker:** Chair Budget, you proceed. Sorry, sorry, sorry, I am giving you the mic...

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 141(1), I move a motion that the Bungoma County Government Annual Appropriations Bill, 2024 be now read a second time, and I call upon my Vice Chairman, Hon. Nangulu, to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nangulu, you proceed and second the motion.

**Hon. Charles Nangulu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am on my feet to second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (1), a motion has been moved and seconded that the Bungoma County Government Annual Appropriations Bill, 2024 be read for the second time.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Let now the Bill be read for the second time accordingly.

*A Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma; to authorize the issue of a sum of money out of the Revenue Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 2025, and to appropriate that sum and a sum voted on account by the County Assembly for certain public services and purposes. Second reading*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, a Bill having been read a second time shall stand committed to a Committee of the Whole House. So accordingly, we all rise up.

The House goes to the Committee of the Whole House and I confirm that my office newly received 12 proposed amendments to the said Bill accordingly. We rise and proceed to the Committee of the Whole House.

*All members rise*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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

### IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (**Hon. Stephen Wafula**) in the Chair]

**Chairperson:** Honourable Members, you are now welcome to the Committee of the Whole House. Honourable Members, we are guided by the Standing Order No. 144 so that we can commence our Business of this session of the Committee of the Whole House. Now, we proceed and you take note that the Speaker has pronounced that we do have amendments, specifically 12, which will be considered as we proceed.

Now, Honourable Members, you are welcome and now I want to call upon the Chairpersons of various Sectoral Committees to supply. I will be calling out a Chair of each Sectoral Committee in that sequence as called. Now, we have the Departments and the Deputy Clerk- Legislation will lead us, so that we welcome the Chairs.

### **Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperative Development**

Chairperson: The Hon. Waiti Wafula Waiti?

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you Chairman. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs1, 065,347,822 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs383, 577,441 and development expenditure of Kshs681, 770,381 in the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperative Development.

*(Question proposed)*

**Chairperson:** Now, Honourable Members, I can't put a question now because it will come after we move the amendment to that question. Thank you so much. We proceed.

## **Department of Education and Vocational Training**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson, Hon. Benjamin Jeremiah Otsiula.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs1, 637,681,111 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs1,245,531,111 and development expenditure of Kshs392,150,000 in the Department of Education, Vocational Training.

**Chairperson:** Honourable Members, I note that in this Department we do also have an amendment and therefore I will not put the question. But now allow me to propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

## **Department of Health**

**Chairperson:** The chairperson, the Member for West Bukusu, the Hon. Job Mukoyandali on behalf of the Chair.

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs4, 475,295,493 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs4, 314,475,334 and development expenditure of Kshs160, 820,159 in the Department of Health.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Job. Now, Honorable Members, I also note that there is an amendment in this Department of Health and therefore allow me to propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

## **Department of Public Administration**

**Chairperson:** Well, the Chairperson, Committee on Public Administration, Hon. Tony Khaoya Barasa.

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs594, 209,483 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs580, 018,391 and development expenditure of Kshs14, 191,092 in the Department of Public Administration. There is no amendment.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **Office of the County Secretary**

**Chairperson:** The Hon. Tony Khaoya Barasa.

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs70, 199,996 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs70, 199,996 in the Office of the County Secretary. No amendment.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

## **Office of the Sub-County Administration**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Tony Khaoya? Hon. Mukhongo, take your seat! Very well, Hon. Khaoya you can proceed!

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs80, 265,905 be issued from the County Exchequer, account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure of Kshs80, 265,905 in the Office of the Sub-County Administration.

**Chairperson:** Hon. Khaoya, it is me to say if there is an amendment or not. That is my duty.

Well, Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236 (3), allow me now to propose the question

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it

## **Office of the County Attorney**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Khaoya, proceed!

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs41, 000,852 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs41, 852, 000,000 in the Office of the County Attorney.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Khaoya. Honorable Members, under the Standing Order No. 236(3), allow me propose the question.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it

Order Members! Consult in low tones. I can hear voices of respectable Honorable Members like Hon. Mutiembu, Mukhongo, and Kawa. Be orderly! Consult in low tones like Hon. Milliah. Very well, let us proceed!

### **Department of Roads and Public Works**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Frankline Simotwo Korir?

**Hon. Frankline Simotwo:** Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs1, 405,384,291 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs124, 135,678 and the development expenditure of Kshs1, 281,248,613 in the department of Roads and Public Works.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Korir. The number was so large, but you managed. Honorable Members, I note that we have an amendment in this department and therefore, allow me propose the question without putting the question.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson, Hon. Bernard Kikechi- Member for Mbakalo!

**Hon. Benard Kikechi:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs333, 032,294 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs78, 614, 649 and development expenditure of Kshs254, 417,645 in the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Bernard Kikechi. Honorable Members, I do note that in this Department, we have an amendment and therefore allow me just to propose the question under Standing Order No. 236 (3).

*(Question proposed)*

### **Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson, Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo on behalf of the Chair.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Thank you Hon. Chair. On behalf of my Chair, under Standing Order No. 235 (1), I move that the sum of Kshs190, 665, 274 be issued from the County Exchequer

account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure and Kshs53, 375,232 and development expenditure of Kshs137, 290,043 in the Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning.

**Chairperson:** Thank you very much Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo. Honorable Members, I also note that we have an amendment and therefore allow me propose the question without putting the question.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Bungoma Municipality**

**Chairperson:** The Chair, again, represented by the Hon. Mukhongo. Yes, I can see the signs of age catching up with you very fast.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Hon. Chair, don't worry. On behalf of my Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs135, 515,896 be issued from...

**Chairperson:** Hon. Mukhongo, signs of age are catching up with you. Repeat the figure!

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Hon. Chair, I have said that the sum of Kshs136 million.

**Chairperson:** Yes, 36 correct!

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** That is what I said

**Chairperson:** You said 35.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Sorry then. 136,515,896 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs55, 949,973 and development expenditure of Kshs80, 565, 924 in the Bungoma Municipality.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Well done, Hon. James. Honorable Members, we have to be very keen because this is being captured and it will be used when the budget is being uploaded in Nairobi. So, we don't miss even a single digit.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Kimilili Municipality**

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Thank you Chair. Hon. Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs103, 678,314 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to the recurrent expenditure of Kshs45, 698,217. Honorable Chair let me repeat; Kshs45, 698,217 and development expenditure of Kshs57, 980,097 in Kimilili Municipality.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Mukhongo, you are a veteran. Well, Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236 (3), I now propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Directorate of Housing**

**Chairperson:** Hon. James, proceed!

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Hon. Chair, Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs479,955,008 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure of Kshs52,655,527 and development expenditure of Kshs427,299,481 in the Directorate of Housing.

**Chairperson:** Thank you so much Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **Directorate of Sanitation**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Job Mukoyandali on behalf of the Chair.

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Thank you Hon. Chair. On behalf of my Chair of Health and under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs11, 678,244 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs1,248,350 and development expenditure of Kshs10,429,894 in the Directorate of Sanitation.

**Chairperson:** Thank you the Hon. Job Lumbwani Mukoyandali,

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **Department of Tourism and Environment**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Edwin Wekesa Opwora.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Hon. Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs614,755,501 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of the recurrent expenditure of Kshs67,166,837 and development expenditure of Kshs547,588,665 in the Department of Tourism and Environment.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **Department of Water and Natural Resources**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Opwora?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Hon. Chair, under Standing Order No. 235. I move that the sum of Kshs771, 403,380 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs75,513,691 and development expenditure of Kshs695,889,689 in the Department of Water and Natural Resources.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Opwora. Honourable Members, I note also that we do have an amendment in this department and therefore allow me propose the question without putting the question.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Department of Gender and Culture**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson, department of Gender and Culture, Hon. Zakayo Jack Kawa.

**Hon. Jack Kawa:** Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of ksh.93...

**Chairperson:** Hon. Kawa, you are not very audible, we are recording this, be audible enough... yes, proceed.

**Hon. Jack Kawa:** Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs93,285,018 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs75,120,355 and development expenditure of Kshs18,164,663 in the department of Gender and Culture, I move.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Zakayo, Honorable Members, in this department, we do have an amendment and therefore I will propose the question, but I will not put a question thereafter.

*(Question proposed)*

### **Department of Youth and Sports**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson Youths and Sports Hon. Namaemba Violet Makhanu.

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Thank you Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of KShs41, 824,586 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of Kshs23, 007,518 and development expenditure of Kshs18, 817,068 in the Department of Youth and Sports, I move Chair.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Namaemba. Honourable Members, there is an amendment in this Department and therefore, allow me propose the question without putting thereafter the question.

*(Question proposed)*

Next Department?

## **Department of Finance and Economic Planning**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson, Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Hon. Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of KShs1,305,089,288 be issued from the County exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of KShs1,149,370,339 and development expenditure of KShs155,718,949 in the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Barasa. Honorable Members, I also note that we have an amendment in this department and therefore allow me propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

## **Office of the Governor**

**Chairperson:** The Hon. Khaoya Barasa Tony

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of KShs748, 658,690 be issued from the county exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure of KShs748, 658,690 in the office of the Governor.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Khaoya, Honourable Members, we also have an amendment in this department and therefore allow me to propose the question without putting a question thereafter.

*(Question proposed)*

## **Office of the Deputy Governor**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Khaoya, proceed!

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Finally Hon. Chair, under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of KShs38, 642,390 be issued from the County Exchequer Account to meet the expenditure of the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect of recurrent expenditure to KShs38, 642,390 in the office of the Deputy Governor.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Khaoya Tony Barasa. Honourable Members, there is no amendment in this office; allow me now propose the question under Standing Order 236(3)

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it. We proceed!

## **County Public Service Board**

**Chairperson:** Members be careful because this is a very serious exercise. The Chair Hon. Hentry you can use the dispatch

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Chair for giving the warning to members who are not careful. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of KShs65, 928,430 be issued from the County Exchequer to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 3025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Kshs49, 910,124 and development expenditure KShs16, 018,306 in the County Public Service Board. I submit Chair.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, Member for Bumula and Chairperson, Labour Committee. Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 235(3), I now propose the question

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it. Next!

### **County Assembly**

**Chairperson:** Hon. Hentry proceed

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Hon. Chair. Under Standing Order No. 235, I move that the sum of Kshs1,356,950,436 be issued from the County Exchequer account to meet the expenditure during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in respect to recurrent expenditure of Ksh1,166,950,433 and development expenditure of Kshs190,000,000 in the County Assembly. Mr. Chair I submit

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Hentry. Honourable Members, under Standing Order No. 236 (3), I now propose the question

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Now Honourable Members, we go back to the proposed amendments and we start with inviting the Hon. Francis Maasai Chemion. The amendments are attached to the Order Paper.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chairperson. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 66(1), I propose to make the following amendments to the Budget and Appropriation Committee report on the annual budget for financial year 2024/2025.

**Roads and public works:** That Kshs59, 500, 000 be moved from Roads and Public Works department development expenditure on the following vote lines;

Contract framework- Kshs**59,500,000** on code **3110601**; I now call upon Hon. Hentry Nyongesa to second.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you honourable Chair. As the mover is putting across that this code is very crucial, we wanted to look at infrastructure of roads across the county and that is why we have moved the figure so that it assists members in terms of the road infrastructure. I second the amendments that have been moved

**Chairperson:** Very well. Honourable Members, allow me now propose the question that KShs.**59,500,000** be moved from the Roads and Public Works department development expenditure on the following vote lines; contract framework Kshs**59,500,000** code **3110601**.

*(Question proposed)*

Well Honourable Members, allow me now put the question. Order members

*(Question put and agreed to)*

I now call upon Hon. Masai to read the next part

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 66(1), I propose to make the following amendments to the Budget and Appropriations committee report on the annual budget financial year 2024/2025 still under Roads Department.

**Roads and Public Works:** That **Kshs10,000,000** be added to Ward based projects code **3110599** in the department of Roads. I now call upon Hon. Hentry to second

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Hon. Chair. This is an increment in terms of Ward based programs under the department of Roads which has that addition of Kshs**10,000,000** on the Ward based programs under the same code of **3110599**. This will assist the members to have lots of development activities in the Ward in terms of infrastructure.

I second the amendments

**Chairperson:** Honourable Members, I now propose the question that Kshs**10,000,000** be added to ward based project code 3110599 in the Department of Roads

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Chairperson:** Hon. Chemion Maasai, proceed.

**Hon Chemion Masai:** Hon. Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 (1) I propose to make the following amendments to the Budget and Appropriation Committee report on the annual budget financial year 2024/2025. Under the Department of Lands and Physical Planning; that Kshs10, 500,000 be moved from Physical Planning Department and Development expenditure on the following vote line- purchase of land Kshs10, 500,000- code 3130101. I call upon Hon. Zakayo Jack Kawa to second.

**Chairperson:** Hon. Jack Zakayo Kawa

**Hon Zakayo Jack:** Thank you Hon. Chair, I am on my feet to second the amendment. As a County Government of Bungoma, we have seen we are losing a lot of money in terms of revenue. So, it is important that we get some land specific for parking of trailers; for the County Government to get some revenue. I second the amendment.

**Chairperson:** Thank you Hon. Zakayo Jack

*(Question proposed)*

**Chairperson:** Hon. Nganga

**Hon Nganga Everton:** Thank you Hon. Chair. I have seen the amendment about the purchase of land, from what the seconder has mentioned. I remember funds were allocated in the previous budget to purchase land for use as a parking. I am against this because from what was allocated from the previous budget, nothing is there to show. Let us be keen on what we are doing.

As an accountant, this is something that we have to be keen on. This can be double accounting; you know during the budget making process departments had their own ceilings and every sector committee interrogated. I don't expect massive movements of money from one department to the other.

I you oppose this, in fact when we go back and check what was allocated on the previous year against what we are allocating, what are we doing? Right now revenue can be collected from various resources but with this one, lets us allocate money on different issues but not this program which was already allocated for in the previous budget. I oppose this.

**Chairperson:** Hon. Chemion reply, please proceed.

*(Loud consultations)*

Honourable Members kindly .....Order members! The Speaker has to be called before because we cannot just adjourn like that.

*(Loud consultations)*

*Members walk out of the Chamber*

Hon. Mulongo, this is a process which is important, we cannot just abandon it like that. That is very wrong. There is a procedure!

*The Hon Speaker takes his seat*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** The House stands adjourned, we will continue from where we have left the proceedings.

*The House rose at 4:10 p.m.*