

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Papers

PAPERS

Papers laid

MCA Barisa Deko Bana(Basuba): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Papers: -

- Submission of Lamu Draft County Integrated Development Plan for FY 2023/27.

Mr Speaker, report on Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee report on consideration of the Lamu County Annual Development Plan 2023/24: -

Mr Speaker Sir, the report on the Annual Development Plan 2023/24 has been made in line with the provisions of Article 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, (2010) and Section 126 (1) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, and which provides what should be incorporated therein.

Section 126 (3) of the PFM Act, 2012 provides that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for planning shall, not later than the 1st September in each year, submit the Annual Development Plan to the County Assembly for its approval, and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury.

The Annual Development Plan (ADP) is a plan drawn from the County Integrated development plan (CIDP) and focuses on the issues of development projects in the County. It is indicative on the development priorities of the County as enshrined in the master plan (the CIDP) which will inform the budget for the subsequent financial year.

The ADP translates to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the subsequent financial year; in this case the financial year 2023/24 in terms of development priorities and therefore is intended to inform the subsequent budget hence being a crucial document in the budget process.

The County ADP should be a milestone that seeks to highlight County development priorities, which eventually spurs economic growth in the County. It should stress on prudent fiscal policy to reinforce County Government's commitment to responsible financial management practices.

The PFM Act, 2012 sets a minimum of 30% of total expenditure of budget which should be set aside for development expenditure in the medium term. It is expected that once the development priorities are spelt out in the ADP 2023/24, this will enable the County meet the threshold of the development expenditure for financial year 2023/24 as stipulated in the PFM Act, (2012).

In the wake of the soaring wage bill and various economic challenges within the County, there is need to observe strict fiscal discipline while giving close attention to areas that will spur economic growth of the County. Key focus should be put on County priority plans and programs to ensure improved service delivery and prompt implementation of budgeted for activities.

Arising from limitation of resources and at the same time competition for scarce resources between a number of priority programmes, developing a list of priority programmes and projects is essentially important to ensure that those programmes are appropriately implemented.

In this spirit of ensuring that all the above matters are actually achieved and observed within the Lamu County ADP 2023/24, the Committee ventilated through the proposals and from which observations were deduced and recommendations drawn.

The Finance, Budget & Appropriations Committee has therefore examined and discussed the Lamu County Annual Development Plan, 2023/24 and has made some observations & recommendations as contained in this report.

COMMITTEE MANDATE

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance is established under Standing Order No. 187 and is mandated to do the following:-

- 1) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the of the county budget;
- 2) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;
- 3) Examine the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, as presented to the County Assembly;
- 4) Examine Bills related to the budget, including Appropriations Bills;
- 5) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee as currently constituted include the following members:

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| 1. Barissa Deko Bana | Chairperson |
| 2. Bwana Mohamed Bwana | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Francis Ngure Gakonga | Member |
| 4. Paul Kimani Njuguna | Member |
| 5. Zahara Shee Mohamed | Member |
| 6. Aisha Ali Abdulrahman | Member |
| 7. Suleiman Farah | Member |
| 8. Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu | Member |
| 9. Mohamed Aboud Abubakar | Member |

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in reviewing this Lamu County Annual Development Plan, 2023/24 so as to adequately satisfy and inform itself that it has observed the County development agenda for prosperity and posterity, as highlighted by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning in the Lamu County Annual Development Plan 2023/24 and ensuring that it is in line with the Constitution and relevant Acts, the Committee held several meetings to consider the proposals. This Annual Development Plan 2023/2024 was submitted to the County Assembly on 1 March 2023 and was subsequently tabled and committed to this Committee on 16 March 2023 for consideration and subsequent reporting back to the Assembly.

During its sittings to consider this Annual Development Plan, the Committee considered various documents, key among them, the Constitution of Kenya, (2010), the PFM Act, (2012), the County Government Act, (2012).

These documents helped inform the Committee in making key observations and consequently recommendations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, first and foremost, on behalf of this Committee I wish to express our gratitude to the offices of Speaker and the Assembly Clerk for the support received as it discharged its mandate of examining the 2023-24 Lamu County Annual Development Plan.

Further, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honorable members of the committee who traded off their time to participate in the activities of the Committee and whose dedication and fortitude saw the completion of this report.

Special appreciation also goes to the Secretariat to the Committee who, on several occasions, had to go beyond the normal call of duty. The commitment and devotion to duty of all those involved in this noble task made the work of the Committee and production of this report a success.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Committee extends its appreciation to the citizens of Lamu County for their patriotism and input in development programs and prioritization, which has really helped enhance the need identification for the County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Finance, Budget & Appropriations Committee, to table this report ON consideration of the Lamu County Annual Development Plan 2023-24 with the amendments contained therein and recommend it to the House for adoption.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

STATEMENTS

Village Units and Village Elders

MCA Aisha Ali Abdurahman(Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir,

I rise to seek a Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Services on matters relating to Village Units and Village Elders.

Mr Speaker Sir, County Government Act Section 48 states plainly on the Decentralized Units. Section 48(1)(d) reads that "Subject to subsection (3), the function and provision of services of each County Government shall be decentralized to such number of village units in each County as may be determined by the County Assembly of the respective County" and 48(1)(e) "such other or further units as a County Government may determine".

Mr Speaker Sir, Section (4) states that "A County Assembly shall enact legislation to provide for the delineation and establishment of the village units in the County," this must be in accordance with Article 176(2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the County Chief Officer (PSM) Public Service Management through the Departmental Committee Chair on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service on the following: -

- When will this Assembly receive delineation report to be laid before the County Assembly on the establishment of the Office of Village Administrator.
- When will the Assembly receive a bill on the establishment of the Village Council, Village Elders and Village Units.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Any addition on that Statement

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna(Mkomani): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa fursa kama hii. Kusema kweli hawa Wazee wa Mitaa wanapata changamoto sana hususan katika Wadi yangu ya Mkomani. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Serikali iangalie mbinu mbadala ya kuweza kuwasaidia hawa Wazee wa Mitaa kwa sababu majanga yoyote yakitokea katika mitaa yao watu wa kwanza kufuatwa ni wao. Kwa hivyo ningewaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu waiunge mkono hoja hii ili hawa Wazee wa Mitaa wajihisi wanapata kitu kila mwisho wa mwezi.

MCA Ahmed Omar Hamid(Nominated): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Aisha. Ni kweli tunauhitaji sana haswa mimi kama Mwakilishi wa Vijana katika Bunge hili la Kaunti ya Lamu. Ninaona kuna umuhimu haswa ikiwa tunataka kupigana na swala la ajira na hata janga la mihadharati hawa Wazee wa Mitaa ndio watakaotupa taarifa kamili. Kwa hivyo huu ni wakati mwafaka wa wao kutambulika kwa sababu wanatumia wakati wao na hata afya zao katika kupigania haki za wakaazi wa mitaa yao.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki(Hindi): Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Kusema kweli hakuna mtu aliye na taarifa kamili ya mtaa isipokuwa Wazee wa Mitaa. Na ninajuwa ya kwamba Machifu wanatarajia ripoti kutoka kwa Wazee wa Mitaa. Kwa hivyo ni wakati muafaka sisi kama Waheshimiwa tuna haki ya kuwathamini hawa Wazee wa Mitaa ndiposa watakuwa na ari ya kufanya kazi kwa bidii.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah(Witu): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Aisha. Kusema kweli hawa Wazee wa Mitaa wanaumia sana kwa sababu wanatumia nguvu zao katika kuwahudumia wananchi na ilhali wanapata mshahara mdogo sana. Kwa hivyo ningewaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuunge huu mswada kwa pamoja ili hawa Wazee wa Mitaa wapate kunufaika.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any Member of the Departmental Committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Services.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga(Hongwe): Asante sana Bwana Spika ningependa nipewe muda wa mwezi mmoja ndiposa nije na jibu mwafaka.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Honorable Aisha are you satisfied with one month?

MCA Aisha Ali Abdurahman(Nominated): Mr Speaker am not satisfied with one month, maybe one week or two weeks.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga(Hongwe): Naomba anipe muda wa wiki mbili.

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge(Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir on behalf of Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana, I rise to seek a Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on lands and physical planning on matters relating to Settlement Scheme.

Mr Speaker Sir, I am aware that Kiunga, Rubu and Mwambore settlement scheme was done and the contractor was paid during the previous regime.

Mr Speaker Sir, it is absurd that up to now the public is waiting to be informed on the status of the said scheme.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on lands and physical planning on the following: -

1. What happened to the said scheme?
2. Where has it reached so far?
3. What has stopped the process?
4. When will the said three schemes be implemented fully?

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Any addition on that Statement.

MCA Ahmed Omar Hamid(Nominated): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika nimesimama kuunga hoja iliyosomwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa niaba ya Kiongozi wa walio wengi. Huu ni wakati sisi kama Wabunge tuwe makini sana na mali ya umma, ni muhimu sana ule mgao uliotengwa kwa miradi kazi fulani tuhakikishe iwe imefanyika kwa ufasaha.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki(Hindi): Asante sana Bwana Spika. Bwana Spika nimesimama kuunga hoja ilioletwa na Kiongozi wa walio wengi. Katika Wadi yangu kuna "Swahili Scheme" na katika Bunge lililopita walliweza kupitisha ksh18,000,000 Ili waweze kumalizia shughuli hii. Kwa hivyo ningemtaka Mwenyekiti wa Kamati husika aweze kufuatilia na kujuwa hizo pesa bado zipo ama la. Na kama ziko mbona mradi huo wa Swahili Scheme umesimama.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any Member of the Departmental Committee on lands and physical planning.

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu(Nominated): Mheshimiwa Spika ningepomba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kuja na majibu sahihi.

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow 24th May,2023 at 10:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4p.m

