

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

SPECIAL SITTING

The House met on 9th July 2020 at 2:45Pm

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Welcome Hon. Members to our session today, clerk...

STATEMENTS

PURCHASE, DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY OF WATER TANKS FOR COVID-19

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, Statement number 014/2020 by Hon. Reuben Chepsongol to the Chairperson Water and Irrigation Committee, I think this is a new question ...

Hon. Rono: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am standing in for Hon. Chepsongol who seeks a statement from chairperson Water and Irrigation Committee on the following matters of concern;

- i. If he is aware that there were funds set aside for water provision under Covid-19 funds that were to be used to repair boreholes, offset community water electricity bills and purchase of water tanks?
- ii. How many tanks have been purchased to date?
- iii. How many of the said tanks did each Sub-County receive? (Kindly attach the delivery notes used on the delivery).
- iv. Who is responsible for the distribution of the said tanks?
- v. Can the list of the repaired boreholes with the cost of each repair be availed to the Assembly?
- vi. Which community projects were supported on the payments of electricity bills? Kindly provide the list per Sub-County.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Chair Water or any member of the said committee if the Chair is not around? Who can stand for the committee... Yes Hon. Tarus on behalf of the Government.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to commit on behalf of the Chairperson Water and Irrigation that this answer will be provided on 16th July 2020 2:30Pm on Thursday.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, make sure that you inform the concerned department that on Thursday 16th July 2020 2:30Pm we have a response here.

Hon. Tarus: That is it Mr. Speaker.

(Statement Deferred)

STATUS OF THE 2014/15 WATER PAN PROJECTS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Next statement 016/2020 by Hon. Richard Cheserem MCA Saimo Ward to Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee, Yes Hon. Richard.

Hon. Cheserem: Thank Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to seek a statement from the chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee on the following matters of concern;

- i. If he is aware that the following projects were budgeted for in the 2014/15 Financial year
A) Mogotkot (Chemakot) water pan excavation? B) Kaptara (Ngechararim) water pan excavation? C) Oswonin – Koroto water supply pipping?
- ii. What is the status on the above mentioned projects?
- iii. How much have been paid towards the said projects to date?
- iv. Who are the contractors of the said projects?
- v. Have the said contractors delivered as expected?
- vi. What urgent measures have the County Government put in place to ensure the speedy completion and handing over of the said projects to ensure value of money and accrued benefits for the targeted communities?

Mr. Speaker sir I think this question should not be directed to chairperson Agriculture but it should be to the chairperson water and Irrigation so I seek for the correction of that statement, thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you clerks please do that correction immediately... now the chair water and Irrigation or any member from that committee in collective responsibility... chair Education

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker I undertake to provide the answer on Thursday the 16th July 2020 at 2:30Pm.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Ok, this question is also going to get its response on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 2:30Pm... Clerk

BILL

Bill First Reading

BARINGO COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE YARD BILL 2020, BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL

NUMBER 04 OF 2020

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): The Baringo County Livestock sale Yard Bill 2020, Baringo County Assembly Bill number 04 of 2020 first reading, this Bill is now committed to the committee of Agriculture, so you take over from now... next Order!

MOTION

REPORT ON BARINGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

THIRD QUARTER BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2019/2020FY

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Chair Finance and economic planning Committee.

Hon. Kebut: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I want to move a motion that this House approves the report of Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the Baringo County Government Third Quarter Budget Implementation report for the Year 2019/2020 laid on the table of the House on Tuesday 5th May 2020. Mr. Speaker sir I hope members have their copies on page 4&5 we have abbreviations and acronyms and in page 6 you can see introductions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The report of the third quarter Budget expenditure for the Baringo County Government for the 2019/2020 financial year (FY) was submitted in the County Assembly on 30th April 2020 and laid on the table of the House on the afternoon of Tuesday, 5th May 2020. Upon being tabled, the Hon. Speaker committed the report to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee to analyze it taking into consideration the views and recommendations of the County Treasury and all other relevant stakeholders and subsequently present a report to the House for consideration and approval. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to present the report of the Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the Baringo County Government third quarter budget implementation report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as the members are aware, we are in extraordinary times as a result of the Corona Virus (COVID 19) global pandemic which has affected normal the day to day running of activities. The Committee upon receiving the report planned to engage with all the Assembly Sectoral Committees and their respective County Executive Committee Members (CECM's) on the analysis of the third budget expenditure report for the 2019/2020 FY, but due to the Government's restrictions on gatherings of more than fifteen persons, the Committee opted to engage only with the County Treasury. The Committee endeavors to involve all the Sectoral Committees in the analysis of the fourth quarter expenditure report which will be submitted to the County Assembly at the end of the month.

The Committee after receiving and analyzing the quarterly report resolved to invite the CEC member for County Treasury and Economic Planning for a consultative meeting to discuss on the following concerns which are related to the third quarter budget implementation report;

- a). Overview of the implementation status of the third quarter Budget Implementation report for the 2019/2020 FY
- b). Specific reasons for low absorption especially on development expenditure vis a vis the recurrent expenditure for the 2019/2020 FY
- c). Strategies the County Executive is putting in place to ensure speedy implementation of the development Expenditure so as to minimize Cash transfer/roll over.
- d). The number of projects that have not been awarded per Department for the last four financial years and the possible challenges faced?

The Status of implementation of the Procurement Plan for the 2019/2020 FY per Department as per the provisions of Section 53 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act(PPADA) No.33 of 2015, Sections 43 and 49 of the PFM(County regulations) 2014 and Section 121 of the Public Finance Management Act

Measures the Procurement Department is putting in place to sanction those contractors who are under performing as envisioned in Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya.

Challenges faced by the Procurement Department that hinders the process of Procurement as per the Provisions of Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

A detailed report on the implementation status of the Emergency Fund as per the provisions of Sections 110,111,112,113 and 114 of the PFM Act, 2012.

Measures/Plans the County Treasury is putting in place to ensure that Own Source revenue is enhanced from other potential revenue streams taking into cognizance the effects of COVID- 19 Pandemic on the Tourism Sector?

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is instructive to note that, the Committee raised the aforementioned issues as the basis for the analysis of the third quarter expenditure report for the 2019/2020 FY. The Committee opines that, the responses and recommendations which are contained in this report will aid in improving the absorption rates especially on the development expenditure.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me now to take you and the other Honorable members through the legal framework guiding the processing and presentation of quarterly reports. Section 166 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act states that;

“(1) An accounting officer for a County Government entity shall prepare a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect of the entity.

(2) in preparing a quarterly report for a County Government entity, the accounting officer shall ensure that the report—

(a) contains information on the financial and non- financial performance of the entity; and

(b) is in a form determined by the Accounting Standards Board.

(3) Not later than fifteen days after the end of each quarter, the accounting officer shall submit the quarterly report to the County Treasury.

(4) Not later than one month after the end of each quarter, the County Treasury shall—

consolidate the quarterly reports and submit them to the County Assembly; deliver copies to the Controller of Budget, National Treasury and the Commission on Revenue Allocation; and

Publish and publicize them.”

Mr. Speaker Sir, am happy to report that the County Treasury complied with the provisions of the aforementioned section of the PFM Act.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is imperative to inform the Honourable members that, the provisions of Section 166 of the PFM Act as stated above, provide a platform for the County Assembly to use the quarterly reports as the main tool of oversight on the status of financial performance of the County Departments and its entities.
2. Mr. Speaker Sir, Let me now take the Honourable Members through a Summary of the highlights of the Baringo County Government third quarter Expenditure report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.
3. Mr. Speaker Sir, The total budget for the 2019/2020 financial year was Kshs. 8,681,521,003, which comprises of Kshs. 4,382,999,315 as recurrent and Kshs 4,298,521,687 as Development expenditures respectively.

4. Mr. Speaker Sir, during the reporting period, receipts from the equitable share was Kshs 1,859,912,250 (91%), Local revenue was Kshs. 71,882,280 (5 %), and Grants & donations was Kshs 109,193,849 representing 4 %.
5. Mr. Speaker Sir, during the period under review, the County Government's overall Budget absorption was Kshs. 3,559,832,004 representing 41% of the total Budget. The absorption rate for the recurrent Expenditure represented 67% and the development expenditure represented 15% only. The expenditures comprises of operations and Maintenance (O&M), employee compensation and development expenditure of Kshs 634,451,313, Kshs 2,300,707,730 and Kshs 624,672,962 respectively.

Committee Mandate; Mr. Speaker Sir, the Finance and Economic Planning Committee draws its mandate and functions from Standing Order No. 196(3), (4), (5) of the Baringo County Assembly Standing Orders as read together with the Third Schedule of the same Statute.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Aware that the Standing Order No. 196 states as listed in this report and this guides the committee, members can go through that information, I now go to Acknowledgement on page 13.

Acknowledgement; Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to acknowledge the support and facilitation accorded to the Committee towards the development of this report from the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee would also like to sincerely thank His Excellency(H.E) the Governor of Baringo County, Hon. Stanley Kiptis for gracing one of the consultative meetings which the Committee was engaging the County Treasury Officials. It is imperative to point out that the Committee urged H.E the Governor to crack the whip on those accounting officers who are underperforming in their duties especially on ensuring that the absorption rate for the development expenditure is enhanced. On his part, the Governor appreciated the oversight role of the Committee and the County Assembly at large and pledged his full support in ensuring that the Executive delivers on their mandate.

Mr. Speaker the Governor seem to have acted on this because the following week we saw some Chief Officers changes and he was complaining a lot that he is not informed on several things in this document especially the third quarter, he was of a suggestion that he should be taken through that document before it is presented in the Assembly and he was shocked to learn that the absorption rate of development is at 15% so moving forward Mr. Speaker I think we need to engage more of the Governor so that at least he knows what is happening in the County executive side.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee would also like to thank the CECM County Treasury and all his senior staff for the fruitful engagement the Committee held with them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, last but not least, I would like to thank the members of my Committee for their dedication and Commitment towards ensuring that the mandate of the Committee is achieved.

Committee Findings; Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the findings and Observations which the Committee made while interrogating the Baringo County Government third Quarter budget expenditure report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Overview of the Budget Implementation; Mr. Speaker Sir, as the members are aware, the third quarter budget was implemented despite the challenges posed by the Novel Corona virus. The

virus did not only affect budget implementation but also affected revenue collection. One of the economic sectors most hard hit by the pandemic is the travel and tourism industry which is one of the Country's and County's main sources of revenue. As regards own source revenue, there was a drastic drop of Kshs. 23,082,313 in the third quarter compared with the previous financial year. During the third quarter Kshs. 245,900,703 had been collected cumulatively as compared to Kshs.268, 983,016 in FY of 2018/2019. This was attributed to the low volumes of tourist during the peak season.

Nevertheless, the expenditure as at the end of the third quarter was Kshs 3,559,832,004 which was higher as compared to the same period of 2018/2019 FY which was Kshs 3,402,582,251. Out of the total cumulative expenditure, Kshs 1,181,139,366 was spent during the third quarter which was a drop as compared to the expenditure of the second quarter of Kshs 1,512,642,276.

Revenue Receipts; Mr. Speaker Sir, The revenues received during the quarter include equitable share of Kshs. 1,859,912,250 and Kshs. 71,882,280 from local revenue. Others include grants e.g Universal health care – Kshs 8,863,440, Roads Maintenance Fuel Levy-Kshs. 72,321,703, Rehabilitation of Youth Polytechnics-Kshs12, 436,649, Agriculture Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP)–Kshs15, 572,057.

The table below summarizes County Revenue Sources, members to go through, it has revenue from equitable share, medical equipment, the last EU grand for devolution, Hon. Members can go through that table which extends to page 16

Local revenue Analysis; Mr. Speaker Sir, Local revenue target for the financial year is Kshs 393,416,291 as per the approved budget estimates. As at the end of the third quarter, Kshs.245, 900,703 had been received, this is lower than Kshs.268, 983,016 received in the same period in FY 2018/19. In the quarter under review Kshs. 71, 882,280 was collected which is lower by Kshs. 7,999,617 as compared to the same period in the 2018/19 FY which was Kshs. 79, 881,897, the reduction is attributed to challenges faced by the tourism sub sector.

Mr. Speaker sir you know very well when the president announced travel ban by closing all boundaries such that no plane could land in Kenya... I think the airport was totally closed for all tourists and other travelers so that is the reason why we have low revenue.

Mr. Speaker sir, members can go through the table bellow which shows game park fees, animal stock sale fees up to the last one Hospital revenue, the table is divided to two columns for the year 2019/20 and 2018/19.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The Committee noted that there were increases in revenue collection from the following revenue sources and streams; Animal Stock Sale fees, Produce and other Cess fees, Public Health Licences, Koibatek ATC and Hospital revenue... actually Mr. Speaker sir Hospital revenue is where we collect our main revenue after the tourism sector... on page 18 we have graphs and members can go through but let me take members to page 19.

Overall Expenditure Analysis; Mr. Speaker Sir, The overall cumulative expenditure was 67% on recurrent and 15% on development; this translates to 41% on average. Mr. Speaker sir you can see we have low absorption, the recurrent is seen at 67% which is over the required and the development is actually very low at 14% it is not even over half so members and especially sectoral committee need to take up the matter and deal with the departments and know the reasons why we have this low absorption so that they can improve in future or in the next financial year.

The County Assembly registered the highest absorption rate of 67% (The development expenditure was 99%) followed by the Department of Finance and Economic Planning of 64%, and Department of Health Services which had an absorption rate of 55%. However, the critical infrastructural Departments i.e. Roads & infrastructure and Water & Irrigation had the lowest cumulative absorption of 18% and 14% respectively, denying the citizens of the County critical and essential services. You know Mr. Speaker the main manifesto of the Governor was and let me quote “Maji, water, Pei” and you can look at how it is performing Mr. Speaker sir at 14% so the sector of water and Irrigation should check on that.

The Table below represents the Overall Expenditure analysis for all the Departments; Mr. Speaker sir members can go through this table, it has several columns but has two sections for the year 2018/19 and 2019/20, that one will aid on comparison. In this table Mr. Speaker there are areas which are actually even under development and they are recording zero, that is the County Finance and Economic planning they didn't pay anything under development and we had advised them to transfer all the... because that is a service department they need to transfer all the projects to the relevant department.

Mr. Speaker sir, the absorption rate of recurrent expenditure is very high, you can see under Industrialization Commerce Enterprises and Development in fact under recurrent they recorded 89% so they were left with only 11% for the fourth quarter. Third quarter under review we have the absorption rate, we have the ex-checker issues expenditure and how the money which was received was spent under page 22 and page 23 members can go through, let see page 24...

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the reasons for low absorption especially on development expenditure vis a vis the recurrent expenditure for the 2019/2020 FY, the County Treasury did not provide a satisfactory response on the reasons for the low absorption on development expenditure but cited low budgetary allocations on Operations and Maintenance as explained herein:

That, the Cumulative expenditure as at the end of the third quarter was Kshs.3,559,832,004 out of which Kshs 2,935,159,042 was spent on recurrent vis a vis Kshs 624,672,962 on development representing 67% and 15% respectively. Within the recurrent expenditure, Kshs. 2,300,707,730 was spent on employee compensation and Kshs. 634,451,313 on operations and maintenance. Apparently, 64% of the overall expenditure was on staff emoluments, while operations and maintenance budget has been declining over the past period. Going forward, there is need to increase allocations for operations and maintenance for efficient and effective delivery of service.

Actually Mr. Speaker sir most of the departments are complaining that they exhort the allocated amount under operation and maintenance in the first and the second quarter, and the third and the fourth quarter are badly affected because they don't have money to move around when checking on projects.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Further analysis of O&M expenditures indicates that most of the funds were spent on non-discretionary items namely; pharmaceuticals & non-pharmaceuticals, fuel and maintenance of motor vehicles and ambulances, water electricity bills and Water treatment inputs, staff and motor vehicles & plant insurance services. Other major expenditures under O & M is oversight services by the County Assembly and grants offered by the Education, Sports, Culture, Gender and Social Services departments, e.g. grant for people living with disabilities.

On page 25 Mr. Speaker we have expenditure summary for economic classifications, it also has two sections for 2018/19 and 2019/20 for comparison, members can go through that table.

Mr. Speaker Sir, On Strategies the County Executive is putting in place to ensure speedy implementation of the development budget so as to minimize cash transfer/roll over, the County Treasury highlighted the following as the strategies of ensuring speedy implementation of the development expenditure budgets;

- i. Operationalization of the M&E policy and County Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Information System (CIMEIS).
- ii. Development of a procurement plan beginning June 2020 which should be finalized within the first week of July.
- iii. Work out modalities of projects that have not taken off in the last 4 financial years due to challenges beyond the control of the County Government and come up with appropriate action.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the Measures the Procurement Department is putting in place to sanction those contractors who are under performing as envisioned in Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya and challenges faced by the Procurement Department that hinders the process of procurement as per the provisions of Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The County Treasury responded as follows; We have several challenges Mr. Speaker sir and we have a table here which shows and I may read the first one Departments non adherence/compliance with procurement plans, then there is its recommendation which is that Department should implement their procurement plans in total compliance with timelines/quarters... and several others.

Mr. Speaker sir, members can go through the table of challenges which arose during interrogation of this document and response and recommendations and way forward on page 26 – 30 it has good recommendations and way forward especially the last one that I will read COVID19 pandemic (observation of health protocols); Delay in procurement processes due to coordination challenges since the outbreak of the pandemic and its recommendation is that Departments to come up with measures to improve workflows in compliance with Health protocols because you realized Mr. Speaker sir that the other day the president opened the economy and normal work activities resumes but we should also consider the health issues so that we take care of our health, on page 31

Emergency Fund Report

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the submission of a detailed report on the implementation status of the Emergency Fund as per the provisions of Sections 110,111,112,113 and 114 of the PFM Act, 2012.

The County Treasury provided the following information on expenditures on the emergency funds which was utilized by both the directorate of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and

Department of Health as shown below; we have a table which shows how emergency funds were used, members can go through and make your comments later that is in page 31 and let me pick one where there was an emergency response to West Pokot landslide victims the County Government of Baringo assisted by giving them Ksh.420, 000 and several others Mr. Speaker sir.

Members can go through it and we had started using the money for COVID 19 so it shows several expenditures which were used to combat COVID 19. M

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the Measures/Plans the County Treasury is putting in place to ensure that own source revenue is enhanced from other potential revenue streams taking into cognizance the effects of COVID- 19 Pandemic on the Tourism Sector? The County Treasury responded as follows:

That, the County Treasury has undertaken the following measures/strategies:

Waiving all outstanding interests and penalties accruing on plot rent and rates (public notice published in daily nation dated 11th February, 2020 on reminder for payment of Plot rent and rates for the year 2020). The amounts were payable by 31st March, 2020 thereafter the unpaid rent and rates accrue interest. The Department is planning to run a waiver for a specified timeframe to clear in full the outstanding principal amounts.

In conjunction with the Department of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, planning is on course to carry out centre clinics to validate and sensitize the plot owners on the importance of payment of rent and rates. The biggest challenge is the public health requirement prohibiting meeting of people beyond 15.

The Department in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Veterinary services is working on a strategy to enhance collection of revenue from slaughter houses and livestock sale yards. Besides a joint consultative meeting with leaders and other stakeholders, market operation has begun, taking note of National and County Government market protocols and guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is worth noting that the directorate of revenue has had insufficient revenue and enforcement staff but employment of interns in April 2019 greatly assisted to fill the gap. The management has been monitoring the performance of the interns and an appraisal was undertaken on all the interns and 39 of them were found suitable for employment on contract basis. The Department has recommended for their engagement as revenue clerks and enforcement officers.

The Department has invested in opening up and maintenance of quarry and sand cess roads which have been identified and works procured. The roads include: Kipkoro - Metipmosos – Kerio Road, Kurumbopsoo - Cheploch Road, Ochii Quarry Roads, Sitewonin - Kapkoibai Quarry Road, Kibias Quarry Roads and Kabungary Quarry.

Reconstitution of the enforcement team and creating a monitoring and compliance unit. The team will be well resourced and tasked to frequently access and monitor on issues of revenue.

The Department is also working with the Department of Health to revive thorough enforcement of the Public Health Act. The strategies will include resourcing public officers to undertake their work towards achieving given revenue targets.

Mr. Speaker sir on page 37 we have department analysis non financial performance, we have the County Assembly which I had earlier said that they are doing well in their performance, in fact they are showing a good example, we have department of Finance and Economic planning, their

performance is not good, we have several performance... under all these departments Mr. Speaker sir Finance and Economic Planning has sectors and sections under it like the audits, economic planning unit, revenue unit where they need to up their game and do very well and at least have enough revenue.

Mr. Speaker we also have the department of health services in page 41 and this continues up to page... members can go through the department reports and they can check one by one Mr. Speaker and we have several comments and we can also see the expenditure and the recurrent and overall total performance of the department.

Mr. Speaker we can briefly check on page 61 that is the department of water and Irrigation you can see that absorption rate was at 57% and development is at 9% Mr. Speaker sir so you can see how we are performing in that department, something should be done, the committee on water and irrigation should do something.

Mr. Speaker if you also look at page 62 we have the department of transport and infrastructure and Public Works its recurrent expenditure as you can see Mr. Speaker is at 63% which means they were about to exhort that vote but when it comes to development they are recording 14% which is very low, the overall absorption is at 18%.

Mr. Speaker if you can check number 19 the committee noted some recommendations under that... let me just read that Mr. Speaker sir Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee noted the following recommendations as highlighted by the Department

Budgetary allocation for road construction and maintenance is inadequate. Some of the projects had to be reviewed because the budgetary allocations were not sufficient for the scope of works required. This has caused a significant delay in the implementation of these projects.

Lack of capacity of our contractors in terms of skills and resources. A significant number of contractors lack the machinery to implement projects and thus end up relying on hiring the same machines which slows down the pace of projects.

Lack of supervision vehicles. This makes it difficult to supervise projects effectively throughout the project implementation. You can imagine the whole County Mr. Speaker sir depending on only one vehicle the others are down to round the six Sub-Counties so you can imagine the frustration they are going through.

Lack of adequate number of personnel to carry out supervision. The Department requires more staff to carry out routine and timely supervision of projects as well as to respond to emergencies experienced especially during the rainy season. You Baringo very well Mr. Speaker sir when it comes to emergencies, landslides and several other disasters like floods which take place which needs response from this department because they have the machinery, and the few machines that they have are suppose to provide emergency response services, again some of the machineries that they have are very old and they cannot carry their duties very well and they need to be replaced.

Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker Sir, Based on the observations and findings made by the Committee on the Baringo County Government 3rd Quarter Budget implementation report for the 2019/2020 FY and submissions presented by the County Treasury, the Committee hereby makes the following recommendations;

1. That, the County Treasury should ensure that, the Departments are provided with guidelines on reporting on Budget implementation as per the annual Procurement Plan. (The Quarterly reports should provide information on the status of the implementation of the annual budget). The Implementation status of all those projects which have been completed or ongoing/roll over from the previous financial years should be reported separately as annexure. This will assist Hon. Members to track all the projects.
2. a). That, the County Treasury should expedite the process of operationalizing the M&E policy and the County Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Information System (CIMEIS) in order to ensure proper monitoring of projects implementation.
b). That, all the Departments are requested to come up with a data base of all the projects which have been budgeted for in their respective dockets in the last four years.(The database should be incorporated to the CIMEIS).

The Database should comprise of the following:

- i). The name of the project,
 - ii). The year that project was allocated funds,
 - iii) The budgeted amount for that project,
 - iv). The Contract sum of that project
 - v) Any Reduced allocations/ Surplus,
 - vi). Current status of the project either complete or ongoing
 - vii) If Ongoing, what measures is the Department putting in place to ensure that the project is completed on time (Indicate timelines)
3. Mr. Speaker Sir, That, the County Treasury should liaise with all the other Departments in coming up with actionable plans of ensuring that all those projects which have been rolled over/cash transfers should be implemented within the next two financial years. All the Sectoral Committees are requested to oversee on the full implementation of those projects and provide up to date reports to the County Assembly on the status of their implementation. You realize Mr. Speaker sir some projects especially Ward projects, if they are not monitored well at a certain time they get lost or they are removed from the budget so we need to be keen on these cash transfer.
 4. a). That the Department of Transport and Infrastructure and the County Treasury should come up with modalities of ensuring that revenue is collected from the County machinery when hired out to private individuals or Companies. The applicable rates for hiring out are as provided for in the Finance Act 2019. A Policy to that effect should be put in place to ensure transparency and accountability in terms of the operationalization of the Machinery. Mr. Speaker sir the rates are actually in the Finance Bill but if you check the revenue under this machinery it is zero... we receive nothing and we need to track the operations of this machinery.
b). The County Treasury akin to the other Counties should establish a cashless revenue system by utilizing the telecommunication mobile money transfer in all the revenue sources/streams and especially revenue generated from car parks. Consequently, the County Treasury should focus mainly on enforcement. More revenue enforcement officers should be recruited to

monitor on compliance. An example of this cashless practice is our neighbor that is UasinNgishu County they are totally operating on cashless and the revenue staffs are not collecting any cash, the money is deposited directly to the bank by the telecommunication mobile money transfer.

c). That, the County Treasury should organize for a consultative meeting with all the Departments that are in charge of facilitating revenue collection as provided for in section 154 of the PFM Act to discuss on measures to be undertaken to reduce revenue pilferages and enhancement of revenue collection from other known revenue potential streams and sources taking into cognizance the effects of post COVID pandemic on the Tourism sector

5. The County Treasury should come up with modalities of sensitizing contractors/suppliers on the Integrated Financial Management Information system (IFMIS) in order to increase their capacity on filling and submission of tender documents using the e-procurement platform. Mr. Speaker we are currently operating 100% in e-procurement and most of our contractors are still waiting for our Government to go back to our manual system which is impossible so the County Treasury should carry out sensitizing meetings and trainings so that they can train contractors, some of them have tried but they need more training especially for the youth and the special group the PLWD.
6. That, all the Departments should ensure that implementation of contract agreements are done within the stated contractual period. Variations should be done in compliance with Section 151 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015 whereby Contract extension if any should be handled within the contract agreement period
7. That, the County Treasury should ensure that, all the Departments comply with the provisions of section 53(8) of the PPADA 2015 on reallocations of funds for ongoing projects. All accounting officers must stick to the approved budget during the implementation of projects and when making payments.
8. That, the Sectoral Committees of Health services and Disaster Management in liaison with their respective County Departments should provide a monthly update through a report to this Hon. House on the implementation status of COVID-19 funds allocated by the County Assembly specifically on the Kshs. 200 Million and donor funds received from both the National Government and partners to ensure proper accountability and transparency on its usage.

Conclusion;

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to remind the Hon. Members, that, the Committee while interrogating the quarterly reports in the previous quarters, has made far reaching recommendations on addressing the issue of low absorption especially on the development expenditure which have not been implemented, I would like to take this opportune time to request the Committee on implementation and all the Sectoral Committees to follow up on the aforementioned recommendations in order to ensure that, the County Government's Departments and its entities perform their mandate as enshrined in Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya to ensure that the residents of the County receive proper services and development as provided for in the objects and principles of devolved Government as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya.

To that end Mr. Speaker Sir, I call upon this Hon. House to approve the report of the Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the Baringo County Government third Quarter Budget implementation report for the 2019/2020 financial Year. On the annexure Mr. Speaker sir we have certification of members of my committee, and annexure one Mr. Speaker on page 69 we have several lists of projects that have not been awarded by the department for the last four financial years and the possible challenges faced.

In annex two we have status of implementation of the procurement plan for the year 2019/20 as at 22nd May 2020. In Annexure three we have specific projects submitted to the procurement department in page 76 members can go through that one, we have projects which have been awarded and those which are still waiting to be awarded... for several departments, members can see through to page 101 these shows all the projects in all the departments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I Beg to Move and I request Hon. Tarus to second.

Hon. Tarus: Seconded.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, the motion having been properly moved and seconded.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members debate is now open. Yes Hon. Musa Cheruiyot.

Hon. Cheruiyot: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the Chairman and the Committee for a well done job they have given us a report which is really an open report I have gone through it and I have seen that there is nothing they have hidden though the report is not good.

The reason that we are underperforming, when you look at development we are at 15%, 14% and I think we are failing on our calling and the reason why we are here or even the departments are employed to deliver service to our people.

So when we are performing poorly like this Mr. Speaker I think it is not good and the chairman and the committee has given some challenges which they are facing but I am still wondering Mr. Speaker if the recurrent expenditure is as high as 80 to 90% why is it that you cannot compare it with development expenditure which is going as below as 14%.

It is really hurting to note that many projects are being rolled over and as I stand here Mr. Speaker sir, I still have projects for 2017 and many a times we have gone to the ground, we have gone to the departments and I can sympathize with Hon. Members, they have been going to departments following their projects which has stalled for a very long time.

The reason Mr. Speaker is when you leave to the departments alone nothing is moving and I am wondering if these inefficiencies caused by... is it lack of training, incompetence, that is why Mr. Speaker I feel something should be done.

Otherwise we shall be coming here every each and year reporting about poor performance which should have been addressed earlier. Mr. Speaker I have gone through this report and I am really discouraged that many projects have been started but have not been completed.

Some even have been launched I remember last year in May we launched about four projects in my Ward and only one started and that is not complete up to now. So Mr. Speaker sir this is a concern that something must be done.

I am sure that this Hon. House can address these issues because they have that mandate to talk on behalf of our people who have sent us here and that is why our people are getting discouraged when you go down to the Ward you get people saying that there is no point of going to public participation because whatever allocation they allocate projects it takes ages to be implemented.

Mr. Speaker I have seen from the report of the chair that some challenges they face from the department is they lack vehicles, and I think those are some of the reasons when you go down to those areas you find a project which started long time ago stalled and nobody is following maybe the engineer never went to the ground, there is no supervision which took place, there is no report which came so the wananchi and even the elected leaders are left following this up and down every other time.

So as I stand here to support this motion Mr. Speaker for approval I wish that something should be done so that next time we shall not be going through the same report that we are underperforming, that we are reporting development at less than 20%, I think that is really poor Mr. Speaker sir and it hurts to stand here and say we are representing our people when we are underperforming. Mr. Speaker I support this motion for adoption but something should be done more than this. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Ngotie.

Hon. Ngotie: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the team who made this report and this committee of finance they have been doing a good job always reporting this voluminous document about the status of quarterly implementation of the projects in our County.

Mr. Speaker if we are to follow up and use these recommendations of the committee I think we will be very far. If you read and analyze the recommendation which they have made especially 2 (a) and what they would like in future to get the information from the treasury I think we will go far because this will be very accountable and even to get information of various projects will be very easy.

I think being the chairman of implementation we will take up from there with this recommendation and also make a follow up to see that next time we get the quarterly report we will also presenting our report on what happened whether the recommendation because I believe what we are going to pass if we pass this report then it is a legal document which we will make a follow up to see that next time there is no excuse why these items are not done the way the committee have sat and made recommendations like these.

I also saw in their recommendations that they have recommended the committee on health and disaster to update us and give us a report on the status of the Kshs. 200 million which we passed the other day on the Covid-19 and since I have seen the chair is here and I also belong to that committee on disaster that we give a report and we also follow suite and give a proper report on the status and you know when we always go back to the Wards people always ask us about these money.

I think by the end of this week because I saw that the tanks are there and food I think they are going to know that the money was used properly but until the recommendation is here and I applaud the committee on finance.

Mr. Speaker sir I just like the report and the recommendation by the committee so I support this report and we will make a follow up and also give a report on the same. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Tarus.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to give by submissions to this report on the third quarter implementation report. I congratulate the Members of that committee led by the chair in which I am a Member.

Mr. Speaker we have done a good job to provide this particular report to this House but this reports and recommendations if nothing is done even if we make a hundred and one good recommendations and we do not follow to make sure that the implementation especially the development part you will realize that as one of the Members have alluded that we have our development is 15% that is the percentage of total developments.

I think it is the Assembly which is at over 90% which has lifted that particular development to go up but otherwise this House and the Hon. Members in this House should stand up to the occasion and fight for development for our people.

Otherwise the report is very good but if the Executive is sleeping on the job because implementation of projects is the work of the Executive not the Assembly ours is oversight and if this report being good as it is if we don't follow to make sure that we have full implementation of projects then we are not going anywhere.

At page 43 Mr. Speaker, recommendations and priorities for fourth quarter; I believe the Executive Member for finance does not look at some of these recommendations because if in quarter one if they could be able to follow and look at the recommendations by the committee and implement as required then quarter two there has to be some improvements.

Quarter three the same, but it is like once these recommendations are made, once these reports have been adopted by the House then it just ends here because the Executive is a sleep and on page 76 and 77 maybe the location of the projects is not clear because I think the departments should be providing information to the committee so that at least it can be known it is in which Ward so that we can follow.

Hon. Members cannot be able to follow, actually page 76, 77, 78 and 79 there are some projects which are not located. But I believe the Hon. Members can be able to locate and I would urge the Hon. Members that we adopt this report and after adopting it let us go to the departments to push them.

Otherwise if we don't do that then let us get prepared to be shown the door come 2022 because if nothing is done and of course if our voters are very keen just like the other day Mr. Speaker when we went for public participation in my Ward the people refused to pass the projects until we had to try and persuade them finally they accepted but accepting after a lot of persuasion which should not have been the case.

If projects have been implemented then people should be eager to have the remaining projects implemented once they are passed otherwise I support the report and believe that we will follow it up so that we have projects implemented. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Rono

Hon. Rono: Thank you Mr. Speaker I will start by congratulating the committee led by the able chair Hon. Kebut. They have brought us this voluminous report which of course is very detailed. Mr. Speaker I will not repeat what my colleagues have said but I just want to highlight some few issues here.

Mr. Speaker the chair strongly is talking about the timelines on quarterly reports, Mr. Speaker if these quarterly reports can come on time our oversight especially on departments can be very easy .I just urge the chair to strictly persuade the department to ensure these quarterly reports reach on time and it will assist us on oversight.

Mr. Speaker the Chair again or the document is actually telling us more on operation and maintenance, these operations means these are the money used to actually oversight or to ensure that projects are being implemented.

Mr. speaker, the department requires some vehicles or movements to reach where the development should be done and if they have no money they will be theoretical without being practical so I believe we need to ensure that they have money in order to use in these operations and maintenance of their vehicles.

Mr. Speaker the chair alluded that the treasury could not give a satisfactory answer as to why there is low absorption in terms of development. If they cannot satisfy us as to why there is low absorption of development as compared to recurrent obvious recurrent is what is going to their pockets Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I again urge the chair to dig more and try to get this answer Mr. Speaker because it is now giving us in more quack mire state than where we were, next time the chair should give us a proper answer from his department.

Mr. Speaker when you look at page 36 where they say that the department has invested in opening up and maintenance of quarry and sand said roads which have been identified and work procured the roads include... they named a lot of roads Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker it was the other time the Hon. Member from Mochongoi Hon. Kimosop... at page 36, Mr. Speaker he had a motion telling the department the peoples representatives are ready to allow the people to be taxed.

Mr. Speaker what am I saying, on that motion I remember saying in Barwesa Ward sand is being harvested free, quarry is being harvested free, I have a lot of sale yards but the one the County is collecting the money from is the one in the headquarters at Barwesa.

I have one which is in a place called Kampi Nyasi which was funded by World Bank and it costed millions of money Mr. Speaker. There is a lot of sales going there and no collection. I have one in a place called Turuturu. Mr. Speaker the county actually allocated that sale yard a lot of money which is very modern but Mr. Speaker the sales are free there. I am naming a few Mr. Speaker but we still have many.

So Mr. Speaker we need the department to go beyond this list they have brought and I know if all the elected leaders can stand and give this Hon. House the opportunities which this County can get collection of revenue, it will be just wonderful Mr. Speaker. I belief we are collecting a quarter of what we are supposed to be collecting in this County Mr. Speaker. We should be collecting a billion plus Mr. Speaker. So we should be very serious on this issues Hon. Speaker and if we don't have any money to employ them, let us keep them on contract basis and pay they as per their performance Mr. Speaker.

If you bring us 100,000 we can give you 10% of it Mr. Speaker and it will not affect us and nevertheless we didn't have this money at the end of it. Mr. Speaker reading from this report, it is telling us a lot especially the departmental committees. It is telling us that it is time we wake

up and oversight this departments individually Mr. Speaker and I will even urge this Hon. Members that we need to strategize ourselves in such a way that we should be having a report from a committee every month Mr. Speaker to tell us about the progress in that particular department, so that we should not look like we are in the dark and here to lament. Of course we are lamenting for the people who are not with us here Mr. Speaker.

I wish parliament could be allowing the executive to sit on the other side and oversight legislators on the other side so that we argue well. Otherwise Mr. Speaker we look like we are lamenting to each other on this report. We make wonderful recommendations Mr. Speaker which looks like it caters some dust somewhere and not being implemented.

So Mr. Speaker what I am realizing again is that in our wards especially this leaders, the few money we are getting as a ward fund Mr. Speaker is that we are subdividing too much that we end up having a lot of projects which are very difficult to actually implement because assume averagely if each elected leaders can come up with around 10 projects times 3 that is 300 per year. It is very difficult for me to implement with the number of staff we have, the number of vehicles we have and the number of personnel we have in this particular County.

Mr. Speaker it was the other day that it was revealed that the workforce of Baringo compared to the relevance or needs, I think $\frac{1}{4}$ of them are the one who are working but the $\frac{3}{4}$ of them looks like they are irrelevant in this County Mr. Speaker. So Mr. Speaker I am urging also my colleagues, if we are going down there we advise our ward people or communities to put few projects which is easy to implement and monitor Mr. Speaker.

I belief if we had two, three or five per ward Mr. Speaker, it is a bit easier to implement and also to oversight Mr. Speaker but if it is coming in terms of 10, 15 and 20 Mr. Speaker then we can even forget midway what we are suppose to know in terms of projects.

Mr. Speaker there are recommendations which are very wonderful Mr. Speaker. I just want to say, I the department can utilize this recommendations from the wonderful committee Mr. Speaker, next time we will be talking about different issues Mr. Speaker. We will be talking about other issues which are not in this report. So Mr. Speaker my prayer is, if this recommendations is being implemented Mr. Speaker, it will sort out 99% of our issues here. Otherwise Mr. Speaker I just want to end there and say I congratulate the committee for a well done job, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Rono, Hon. Lotela MCA Silale.

Hon. Lotela: Mr. Speaker I need a clarification from the chair. A very broad clarification on the recommendation touching on flagship projects, basically on the status and nature of flagship projects. I have not seen them mentioning it here.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, if you read the recommendation that has been put in place in this report, what you get from all of it from recommendation number one to number eight, Mr. Speaker it says that the central part of County Government is Finance Department. The central and for any sector to move on, for a government to have grip, flow or a structure it is the treasury.

When you see and I have been reading reports of Finance Committee they always give more blame on treasury. If you see the way we are doing our budget and the way we are getting some double documents. These are documents which are tabled here and within a short time there is some intention of drawing it back, the treasury. Mr. Speaker I happened to share again with the

Committee on Budget and Appropriations that what s the problem in this Government? And what they raised as a challenge is that, it is treasury.

Mr. Speaker at individual level if you have not get involved on the issues touching on treasury and the government has to reply, the problem is in the treasury and there is no possibility that anytime soon that if we allow the government to run this way because to be honest I don't need to be corrected or even get the reply of something. Who doesn't know even when I was requesting for an executive reply on the audit query raised in the office of the Auditor General?

It was very difficult for the CEC and CO to give us a reply. It was the junior officer who were giving us the update and that is why you can see there is something which has been mentioned in recommendation number four. Almost the last paragraph, the last sentences that more revenue enforcement officers should be recruited to monitor on compliance.

Mr. Speaker if you go to almost all sale yards in Baringo, those who are helping the County Government to collect revenue are Livestock Marketing Associations (LMAs). Why? LMAs take 25% of the revenue generated in that very sale yard, that very day. That is the position we are and we are saying now the 25% is going to LMAs and there is no accountability that money is doing what? Is it fencing the yard? Is it paying the reinforcement officers? Is it furnishing the office or it is for what?

It is not very clear and it is already in the audit and when you tell them can you stop the LMAs, can you recruit the enforcement officers to make sure that the goats are being surrounded very well, the area is being fence well, there is a criteria, there is a gate and a receipt. Very simple but they have refused to do that, why? Because from our own analysis we have realized treasury or whoever is in charge of the revenue, they work closely with the County Marketing Council head office here that is the point.

Mr. Speaker we need to advise the government especially through this kind of report that they should be more firm, they should be more effective and proactive especially on such kind of a recommendation here. Secondly or lastly Mr. Speaker, you see when a quarterly report is produced in such manner, the sectorals should receive a letter. You don't just table here and disappear. It should be tabled here, passed and then immediately after that one the finance committee will now write a letter to the actors or agents of that report. If it is disaster or lands, I should be given a letter indicating my issues from the office of the Clerk. Indicating my issues that is actionable rather than passing it here and then we leave, nobody is taking action or reminding anyone that your committee is suppose to make the following follow ups within a certain period of time.

Let us make the Assembly as a House of Memos; there is a circular going around. Even if it is about catering, as a chair let me see my in tray that there is a Memo. Why do people fear to write a Memo? Why and what is the problem? So Mr. Speaker from this report today I have understood and it is very clear Mr. Chairman that it is the treasury that seems to drag their feet and I was seeing the way the chairman for budget was struggling the other time about treasury. Myself I have been also struggling as a Public Investment and Accounting Committee (PIAC) Chairman about the reply from the treasury.

So when you pin the chairman then he the chairman goes to a very junior person called Rerimoi, why? So when we send there a reply of the report to the Auditor General in Nakuru, it was return that this was shoddy and cannot even support or give evidence. So Mr. Speaker that is my worry

and as I conclude I could have prefer Mr. Speaker that this report is good for every departmental committee.

That direction that I have said and also I am requesting the office of the Clerk and service board to allow the committee to get a per diem or facilitation when they are in Sub Counties making an official implementation of implementation of projects, either as an oversight or when making a follow up of actions because when you go to Ravine and you sleep there, *wewe utalala hoteli ya nani?* Which hotel and who is going to provide you?

They have made arrangement and you will get lunch, and that is okay. What about when you are working on the government official issues like this one? When you go to Kisanana it is very difficult and there are some regions in Kisanana you cannot travel today and go to Ravine or somewhere else, you go there directly. Same thing to Tiaty, you cannot go to Churo do an implementation of project or oversight and come to Kabarnet and then tomorrow you go to Tirioko, it is not possible.

So I don't know what is making difficult for the board to allow the payment for MCAs or committees under the circular on other towns. I have read the circular and it does not say that the other towns must be outside you County.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela I think the policy is being scrutinized and on the way...

Hon. Lotela: I have not seen any Memo, circular or proposal...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): The policy on it is going on so just relax...

Hon. Lotela: Maybe you have that advantage of being close to them or to their feelings or discussion Mr. Speaker but when you go today with the CEC or anybody from the executive or an example there was a time we went to check projects with Oliver who is in charge of projects in the education department and the guy was very comfortable and able to sleep in Chemolingot and Tangulbei because he got per diem but some of us was struggling to make sure 7 pm we are suppose to be in Kabarnet because it will be a problem to yourself, that is now the point.

So what is making the committee not to be effective is that denial to be given facilitation when they want to see the project, they want to visit some projects and make sure that a certain recommendation or problem occurring from a project is being addressed in that situation.

So Mr. Chairman I have been seeing your reports most of the time, some were even very serious but here you could have tell us and they could be no problem for you to tell us the roll over this time is not 3.6 Million or 2.9 Million as usual and maybe it is 2.1Million. That kind of statistics is very important. It will make people to wake up and make them to even take actions but when we deny that it is not that 3.5 Million then which kind of a figure then? But if you see now there is a lot of awarded and everything is awarded here and if you go to treasury that is the problem we have.

The education committee should be in a position to explain to us why 69 projects was blocked in procurement because there was a clash between the procurement officer and the CO. That is what make the stalemates still and the project was not...just because of only two projects in Marigat and I don't know...it was only two projects that make the rest projects blocked but when we enter into that issue it was solved and the projects we can see now it is awarded because it was a silly thing that stopped everything.

Same thing could be in water or any other department and Mr. Chairman next time it will be very nice if it is something touching us, that the committees you have not look into this one then we should also see the quarterly report of committees on projects, yes. As a liaison we should also generate that kind of a report that the project that was funded so far, we need a committee report. They can struggle *wakimbie Rift Hills ama Cheptebo* or wherever they go. You see also we have to monitor ourselves and we make sure that we have worked.

Otherwise I am very impressive on this kind of report but it is not as good as of the last time, you know Chairman that way. For this time it is not as good as for the last time. The last time you were very open, frank and very direct but this time round it was like the budget committee they were trying too...

(A Member Loudly Consults)

Yes, thank you so much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Lotela. Members let us make our contribution very short. Hon...

What is your point of concern Hon. Elizabeth? Let us shorten our discussion.

Hon. Elizabeth: Okay.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Because of time.

Hon. Elizabeth: Thank you Mr. Speaker I have some concerns of misplaced projects despite the fact that I am not elected at ward level. If you go to page 80 item number 79, Kapkut water project is in Kapropita ward but it is located in Tenges ward which is a misplaced project.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay I think Hon. Elizabeth you will capture that matter so that you forward to the department of water or finance, so that they can see how they will adjust. Maybe it is....

Hon. Elizabeth: I am not an elected Member so how am I going to do it?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you may be it is a typical error. Just forward your issue to the department of finance and other one concerned.

Hon. Elizabeth: Okay thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Elizabeth....Sorry Hon. Francisca Cheburet.

Hon. Francisca Cheburet: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First I want to appreciate the committee on finance for the report that they have brought to this House. I have concerns on page 35 on the strategies the county treasury is undertaking to ensure that revenue is improved.

They plan to waive out of outstanding interest rates and penalties on plots and rents, rates meaning they have not started yet. . Point number two contradicts point one because it says, the treasury in conjunction with the department of lands to sensitize plot owners on the importance of payment of rent and rates.

Tourism, trade and industry should have been the areas to strategize but of workers who were laid off during this time of covid-19. What are the plans the treasury in maintaining tourism industry if not making it vibrant even after elections? Is Baringo in Kenyan map?...Hon. Rono is liaising in high tone

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Rono and Lotela consult in low tones

Hon. Fransisca Cheburet: The national government is planning to support the counties that rely mostly on tourism because that industry is down. Do we have a team fighting a way to ensure that we are included as Baringo to get these funds and make sure that our tourism bounces back after? What about labour yet we have CS Chelugui who has been speaking of labour team who said they are going to support those who were laid off by industries? Is Baringo in this?

The finance committee did not give us a percentage that we are losing this time to be able to asses on the loss of revenue so as to counter if not the strategies to put in place on market cess and the rest of income. Thank you Hon. Speaker I support the report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Fransisca Cheburet...Hon. Saphina Chelagat.

Hon. Saphina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report shows clearly on the performance of the county government in service delivery to its people. The reflection of the implementation status by the third quarter is a bit worrying. The percentages are in proportional that we have high expenditure on recurrent as opposed to the development. The path of elected members of this house is becoming clearer because recurrent expenditure is high.

Through development you are elected back. Hon. Cheruiyot launched four projects with the governor but only one started. It is better if these projects are not launched at all because the people blame the elected members not the governor.

I urge the chair and implementation committee to take up and do work plan for the whole year and put the concerned people on toes to avoid shame in 2022. Let all departments do oversight and put the CECs and COs on their toes.

Secondly, it is true that there is revenue leakage and we have addressed this with the department. We need to put our heads together as the 45 members of this assembly and meet the treasury and they tell us why they are not able to reach their potential of collecting revenue. Revenue was high but it is dwindling. There isa report that some revenue staff collect revenue and put into their pockets directly which is wrong. We need to do something as a house on revenue leakage.

Finally, because of Covid, our tourism sector will be affected and the projected revenue for example for Lake Bogoria will be low and therefore the tourism department Hon. Tochim to take up resources from the national government especially the funds given to support the Covid programs. Our mai9n source of revenue as Baringo is tourism. I thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Saphina I call the mover to reply

Hon. Kebut: Thank Hon. Speaker I thank members who have contributed. We have noted with concerns. There is a problem with the treasury and it is time to act. Collection of revenue is low. We have powers to take an action, let us rise up to the occasion and do something we need not complain in future.

Secondly typo errors need to be avoided. As a committee if we get facilitation on time, report will be in the house in good time. On O/M percentage is 14% instead of 25%. This means that in future mobility will be a problem including now.

Some departments are closing shops soon and I do not know if there is succession plan e.g. department of water, agriculture and livestock, public works because staff are aging and retiring; something need to be done.

This report majorly deals with ward faced projects but not flagship projects; member to note that and especially sectoral committees should pin down oversight so that they give us report on flagship projects. The Chemususu last mile project was a flagship but it says it lacks funds and I urge Hon. Members from that region to collapse other projects and consolidate into one project Mr. Speaker for the project to pick up.

Lastly, the department did not give us all the roll overs which they have baptized to cash transfers. These projects can be implemented on time but we have lazy team at the treasury. You cannot have a rollover project of Kshs. 1 Million! I thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you chair I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

All members who have not collected their face masks to collect it today.

Order Members!

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business, this house is adjourned until Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

The house rose at 4.50PM.