

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

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The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Clerk!

MOTION

REPORT ON THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) FOR 2023/2024 FY

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Okay, we have a report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for 2023/2024 Financial Year. So may I call upon the Chair to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to present the report.

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr. Speaker, with me is the Motion of the CFSP. Hon. Speaker allow me to present the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the 2023-2024 Financial Year for consideration. Hon. Speaker, The Baringo County Government County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for 2023/2024 Financial Year is a policy document that gives an overview of broad strategic priorities, policy goals and sets expenditure ceilings that will guide the County Government in formulating the Budget Estimates for 2023/2024 Financial Year.

Hon. Speaker, the paper was presented to the County Assembly on Tuesday, 28th February 2023 and tabled on the afternoon sitting of Tuesday 7th March 2023. Upon tabling, and cognizant of the strict timeliness set out under Section 117(6) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act 2012, the Hon. Speaker committed the tabled document to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to analyze and present a report to the County Assembly for consideration. The tabled document was also deemed to have been committed to each Sectoral Committee for them to analyze their respective departments CFSP and present their recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Speaker, the County priorities and goals outlined in the CFSP are drawn from the County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 and the 2023/2024 Financial Year Annual Development Plan (ADP) which is an extract of the 1st Year's County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) with emphasis on investment in the following key areas: Agricultural transformation, accessibility of water for domestic, livestock and irrigation purposes, accessibility to quality health care services, investment growth for wealth and employment creation, completion and operationalization of ongoing or stalled projects, shelved projects, prioritization of high impact and transformative projects.

Hon. Speaker, the theme for the 2023-2024 Financial Year County Fiscal Strategy Paper is premised on 'Delivering as One to Transform the Lives of the People of Baringo to the Highest Standard of Living'. The Medium-Term CFSP was prepared and presented to the County

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Assembly in accordance to the provisions of Section 117 of the PFM Act, Regulation 25, 26, 27 and 32 of PFM County Regulations and Standing Order 192(3) and 211 of the County Assembly of Baringo Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker the procedure for consideration of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

Hon. Speaker, as earlier mentioned, Standing Order 211(3) provides that, the CFSP upon being laid before the House, shall be deemed to have been committed to each sectoral Committee without question put, for each such committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandates and make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Speaker, as the Members are aware, during that week when the CFSP was tabled, all the Sectoral Committees were involved in the process of considering the approval of the CIDP for 2023-2027 therefore, the Committee through the Chairperson and while respecting the strict timelines provided in Section 117(6) of the PFM Act 2012 and Regulation 27(3) of PFM Act County Regulations, 2015 which sets the approval date of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to be 15th March, moved a procedural Motion for extension of time for the approval of the CFSP by an additional Seven (7) days from Wednesday, 15th March, 2023 to Wednesday 22nd March 2023 to allow the various Sectoral Committees of the House to carefully analyze the contents of the CFSP and engage their respective County Executive Committee Members'(CECM) prior to presenting their recommendations to the Committee as envisaged in the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Hon Speaker, the Sectoral Committees engaged their respective CEC Members on the following pertinent issues and furnished a comprehensive report to the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

- i. The current state of the County economy by assessing performance of the department's key economic activities that contribute to the Gross County Product (GCP);
- ii. Assessment on the financial outlook with respect to Department's revenue generation and expenditure outlay for the Financial Year 2023/2024 and over the medium term; that is 3years;
- iii. The department's proposed expenditure ceilings for both recurrent and development expenditure as contained in the CFSP;
- iv. Compliance by the County Government on the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives over the next three years. The Reference is Section 107 and 108 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012;
- v. Specific fiscal risks that may affect the budget implementation in the next three (3) years;
- vi. Any other matter that may help in the consideration of the CFSP for Financial Year 2023/2024.

Hon Speaker, the Committee invited all the Sectoral Committee Chairpersons to make presentations on their respective department's CFSP findings and recommendations for the period under review at the Hill Court Resort & SPA in Nakuru City on the 17th-18th March 2023. Hon Speaker, while respecting the provisions of Articles 185,196 and 201 of the Constitution of

Kenya, 2010 on facilitating public participation, the Committee through the Standard Newspaper dated 8th March 2023 invited the Members of the Public to submit written submission and Memoranda on the CFSP for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.

Hon Speaker, as per the requirements of the PFM Act, the committee invited and engaged the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for County Treasury and Economic Planning on the CFSP for the 2023-2024 Financial Year. Hon Speaker, it is instructive to point out that, the recommendations of the Sectoral Committees, Members of the Public and the CECM for County Treasury and Economic Planning have been incorporated into this report.

Mr. Speaker with this report Members can check. We have normally what we call abbreviations and acronyms so that as I read the report, that is at the beginning of the report. Mr. Speaker I also hope every Member also has a copy. Mr. Speaker we were able to send the soft copy to the Members forum. Mr. Speaker I will not read the chapter on the mandate of the committee. We have the committee composition and committee secretariat.

Mr. Speaker before I take you through let me go to...Mr. Speaker I just want to rush through some of the...like chapter two. I want to take Members to chapter two where it talks about legal framework. Hon. Speaker the following chapter provides for the specific laws and Regulations guiding the process of the development and approval of the CFSP document. Mr. Speaker we have the PFM Act 117 of 2012, we have Section 30 for County Government Regulation of 2015.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) to the Chair]

Mr. Speaker that is the framework. Mr. Speaker we have specific legislative framework. I am just going through so that Members can see and maybe read because we have the specific legal framework of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, we have Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya sets principles of public finance which guides all aspects of public finance in the republic. In addition, Article 222 of the County Government provides...So Mr. Speaker the most famous one of is the PFM Act 2012 section 117.

Mr. Speaker we also have section 107 of the PFM Act provides that the County 107 of the PFM Act, provides that the County Treasury shall manage its public finances in accordance with the principles of fiscal responsibility and financial objectives. Hon. Speaker the provisions of Section 117 of the PFM Act has been made clearer by the PFM County Regulations 26. Mr. Speaker the County Assembly of Baringo Standing Orders 211 provides for the format, timing and action upon the tabling of the CFSP document.

Mr. Speaker we also have review on the legal compliance of the CFSP and Mr. Speaker review of the CFSP 2023-2024 indicated that the compliance level achieved 63% score based on the parameters detailed in Annex 1 attached. If you look at that report Mr. Speaker, you will have those annexed attachments and the document submitted was subjected to a 5-point criteria; comprehensiveness, clarity and credibility and Members can read the details. You go to alignment, Medium Term Priorities; what links the CFSP with the Budget Policy Statement. Mr. Speaker linking sector priorities to the hard budget constraints. Mr. Speaker if you go down you

will have the quality of forecasting models and all these Mr. Speaker take us through legal frame work.

Mr. Speaker when you go to chapter three, members will see overview of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024. Mr. Speaker we have the Medium- term outlook; Members can read so that we are able to make progress. We have Baringo County Economy. Mr. Speaker we have the GCP that is the County Gross Product and Baringo is worth 92 Billion Mr. Speaker and that is from the statistics of Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

Mr. Speaker let me read this one to the KNBS report, 2017 the main economic activities and there share to the GCP are Agriculture, forestry and fishing agriculture. Agriculture actually takes the lion share of 53.633 Billion, Mining and quarrying is 125 Million, Manufacturing 232 Million, Electricity Supply 413 Million, Water Supply, Waste Collection 1 Billion. Mr. Speaker this just projections and what builds up to 92 Billion.

Mr. Speaker we have the County Revenue Sources for Financial Year 2023-2024 and I don't want to read. I think Members can read through all those details. Mr. Speaker finally we have chapter four; committee findings on the submissions by Sectoral Committees. Mr. Speaker I just want Members to read this. Most of this were submissions from Sectoral Committees. Mr. Speaker allow me now to highlight the findings and observations made by the Committee while engaging the Sectoral Committee Chairpersons and the County Treasury and Economic Planning while interrogating and analyzing the CFSP for 2023-2024 Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker as earlier mentioned, the Committee requested all the Sectoral Committees to present their reports based on the following;

- i. The current state of the County economy by assessing performance of the Department's key economic activities that contribute to the Gross County Product (GCP);
- ii. Assessing the financial outlook with respect to Department's revenue generation and expenditure outlay for the Financial Year 2023/2024 and over the next three years;
- iii. The department's proposed expenditure ceilings for both recurrent and development expenditure as contained in the CFSP;
- iv. Compliance by the County Government on the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives over the next three years; Section 107 and 108 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012;
- v. Specific fiscal risks that may affect the budget implementation in the next three years;
- vi. Any other matter that may help in the consideration.

Mr. Speaker we also have a detailed summarized report on all the Sectoral Committee presentations and recommendations Annex 2 attached to the report. Mr. Speaker I will not read through what the Sectoral Committee presented. Let me now take you Mr. Speaker back to the committee recommendations. Mr. Speaker I think we have shown how we were able to navigate the whole process of the CFSP.

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee after analyzing the CFSP document for Financial Year for...I think Members...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Chair you should be referring Members to the pages because you are going through fast.

Hon. Kibet: Yes, Members I want you to go to back to page...It is in roman. Is it ix or x?

Page 24, so all of you are in the committee recommendations. Now we can proceed Members. What we were doing was shuttling between the report so that we now bring ourselves to the real context of the report. Mr. Speaker now I am reading the committee recommendations.

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee after analyzing the CFSP document for Financial Year 2023/2024 and taking into consideration the recommendations of all the Sectoral Committees and the CECM for Treasury and Economic Planning herein makes policy and financial recommendations. Mr. Speaker we were able to split the recommendations into two. So we have the policy recommendation and the financial recommendation. Mr. Speaker the Committee proposes the following policy recommendations;

1. That, the County Treasury and Economic Planning should focus on few capital projects which have high impact and allocate adequate financial resources to ease implementation and completion within the fiscal year. Mr. Speaker we realized that we have so many projects but very little impacts because of very low allocation. So some of the projects are dragging and so we recommend that they focus on high impact projects and give a better allocation.
2. Mr. Speaker that, the County Public Service Board in conjunction with the department of Public Services, Administration, Devolution & ICT should provide a comprehensive report on the County Government Staff establishment and Personnel Emoluments (PE) per department. The report should detail all the staff under the IPPD and manual payroll and tabled to the County Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee by 30th April 2023.

Mr. Speaker we realized that we have a very serious problem with the salaries and payroll and earlier we had interacted with the service board and we realized Mr. Speaker that we need to make these bodies work. The service board seems to be alien to the County Government situation. Mr. Speaker and that is why we are recommending this that we need a proper report so that we can bring that report to this House and Members can know.

When we talk about head counts, we have reports that has never been furnished to this House Mr. Speaker and the department or executive cannot spend money and not produce reports to this House Mr. Speaker.

3. Another policy recommendation Mr. Speaker is that, the department of County Treasury and Economic Planning in conjunction with the Department of Lands, Housing and Urban development should present valuation roll to the County Assembly for approval to enable the County to have a legal basis for collection of Land rates and rent. Mr. Speaker we realized that we have been talking about valuation role and nobody has ever produced that to this House. Mr. Speaker this House has the final say. Mr. Speaker what they are using now can be challenged and Mr. Speaker the evaluation role should enable revenue collection.

4. That, the County Treasury and Economic Planning should ensure that all the eligible pending Bills are considered for funding during the preparation of the Budget Estimates for 2023-2024 Financial Year.
5. Mr. Speaker that, the Committee approves the recommendation by the department of Transport and Infrastructure on *Kazi kwa Vijana* initiative and financing after the development of policy guidelines on the implementation of the program to provide accountability, equity and transparency. Mr. Speaker this is an initiative that we feel that it will fit into our development.

Mr. Speaker we have been doing roads, opening of roads and development of infrastructure but Mr. Speaker the same needs regular maintenance and we realized Mr. Speaker that is an opening where we can create job opportunities for our people, we create the resource and then these people will be maintaining the roads Mr. Speaker.

Like most of the weathered roads if now it is raining; when it rains Mr. Speaker you will realize that some of the infrastructures like culverts get blocked. So are we going to wait until the road is destroyed so that we come and do the road? But can we provide that *Kazi kwa Vijana* so that it solves that problem?

6. Mr. Speaker that, the CECM County Treasury and Economic Planning should ensure full compliance to the Program Based Budget framework when finalizing the Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 2023/2024 Financial Year and submit both soft and hard copies of all the printouts and provide other related additional documents like breakdown of Personnel Emoluments, agreements for additional conditional grants, anticipated projects under unspent balances and draft Appropriation Bill. Mr. Speaker we realized that we have very little information about what we call conditional grants. We want those documents so that we even see the commitments and agreements so that we satisfy ourselves. That is part of our oversight Mr. Speaker and we want the Programme Based Budget (PBB) to be real. We should also have it in Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS). When we are making print out Mr. Speaker we don't want to have excel print outs Mr. Speaker. We know when it is in IFMIS it is authentic and you cannot alter. Mr. Speaker we have now three Financial recommendations.

Mr. Speaker the Committee recommends the following financial recommendations;

1. That, the Own source revenue or local revenue be enhanced by Kshs. 37,097,396 to read Kshs. 365,097,396. The County Treasury and Economic Planning should endeavor to optimize revenue collection from all the revenue sources. Mr. Speaker we had an interaction with the treasury and Mr. Speaker they told us as at now they are able to collect 1 Million per day.

Mr. Speaker when we came to read this CFSP, there target was 328 Mr. Speaker and we asked ourselves Mr. Speaker, if you can collect as at now 1 Million per month, if you improve Mr. Speaker; If you are collecting daily 1 Million, if you improve on those areas that we know we are not collecting money, Mr. Speaker we have a bigger potential and the committee felt like Mr. Speaker, can we put them at a higher level. So that is what made us to increase that revenue because we want to live by their word Mr. Speaker. You cannot tell us you are collecting 1 Million and then you come and give us a lower target.

2. Mr. Speaker, that the County Assembly development ceiling under the General Administration, Planning and Support services be enhanced by Kshs 19,100,000 to read Kshs. 39,100,000 for ... Mr. Speaker, we have projects that have been developing in this Assembly and we are almost completing the project Mr. Speaker. The treasury was challenging that we have developed Assembly so much and now we need to start others but we said, let us complete...like now if you have built the Speakers residence then why not create the water supply? Like the Assembly Mr. Speaker, we have been facing challenges of water and the Assembly decided that we need to have a borehole here so that we can solve and the same to the Speakers residence.

So Mr. Speaker and you know a times people think when you say Speakers residence they think it is the House of the Speaker but it is the House of the Assembly of Baringo. Mr. Speaker just the same way to the Governor's residence to transact official business, the Assembly will be going to the Speakers residence to transact business Mr. Speaker. So it is not like it is his House but the House of Baringo County Assembly and the larger Baringo County.

Mr. Speaker so there are some activities like residual work, security installation and Mr. Speaker we know that this House has had challenges with insecurity. Mr. Speaker I have heard Members fearing even to keep their vehicles behind there because we have not installed cameras and many other security features. Mr. Speaker we want to install security features in this House so that even if you leave your car unlocked Mr. Speaker, if you were to lose anything we can refer to the security installations. So I think that is very important.

There has been this idea of developing the Ward Offices Mr. Speaker. We know very many of our Members are sharing offices with MPs and the rest but we want this Assembly to take charge and develop Ward offices for our Members Mr. Speaker. So they were asking for funds to develop those Bill of Quantities (BQs) and designs.

3. Mr. Speaker that, the allocation for Personnel Emoluments under the programme General Administration Planning and Support Services under the County Executive Services sub-sector recurrent expenditure be reduced by Kshs. 74,204,197 to read Kshs. 3,447,445,770 under the following programmes;

- i. General Administration, Planning and Support Services Devolution be reduced by Kshs 72,204,197 Million to read Kshs. 3,190,523,740 to finance Operation and Maintenance activities across departments. Mr. Speaker when we did our analysis, we realized that we are at 51% for salaries, we are at 19% for O & M and we are at 30% for development. Mr. Speaker that is a serious mismatch. Now you allocate a lot of money to departments and they don't have money for operations.

We realized that is defeatist and we look at what is this that is always in salaries in bulky? Because we wanted them to show us but since they could not show then we decided now we have to try and do something and I think this amount is around 2% so from 51% we took 2% to make it 49% and add to O&M to make it like 21% so that really if we want to achieve the development goals we want.

- ii. We also have General Administration, Planning and support services be reduced by Kshs 1 Million to read Kshs. 42,000,000. Kshs 1 Million is to be reallocated to finance sports activities.

- iii. Mr. Speaker, Human Resource management services be reduced by Kshs. 1 Million to read Kshs. 185 Million. - Kshs 1 Million is to be reallocated to finance sports activities.
- iv. That, the allocation of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) programme be enhanced by Kshs. 12 Million to read Kshs. 29,922,030 under the County Executive services sub-sector for procurement of utility vehicle and board activities.

Mr. Speaker, when the service board made a presentation to the committee, we realized one; they don't have a vehicle Mr. Speaker. These are people who have been conducting interviews. Mr. Speaker we felt so bad that our County Service Board are undertaking activities in Marigat Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI) Mr. Speaker because of lack of finances.

Mr. Speaker you can imagine conducting a two-week exercise in Marigat. Its better even now it has rained but can you imagine they were doing it when there was no rains Mr. Speaker and this is a constitutional office. This is an office which should be independent. Mr. Speaker if we suffocate this office then we are sabotaging our real work. Mr. Speaker we are talking about the employee service code of conduct. Mr. Speaker the person who should always train and ensure that the employee know what they are supposed to do is the County Public Service Board Mr. Speaker. Now they are ill-equipped and ill-resourced.

Mr. Speaker this is the second time this committee is making a very serious recommendation to finance the activities of the service board Mr. Speaker and we want to urge this House Mr. Speaker that this time if anybody was to touch this funding, this House should take very serious action. We should investigate what is this that we are trying to help a body to serve the people of Baringo. So generally Mr. Speaker you can see the sporting activities we realized that most of this departments have no resource Mr. Speaker that our young people cannot even do their sporting activities Mr. Speaker and we needed to look for money and that is why you see we are purposed to get the money.

- 4. That, the allocation for the department of Industry commerce and Cooperatives recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 11 Million to read Kshs. 23,892,000 for the following programmes;
 - i. That the allocation for Legal Metrology programme for weights and measures and related activities be enhanced by Kshs. 1 Million to read Kshs 2 Million.
 - ii. That, the allocation for Tourism programme be enhanced by Kshs. 10M to read Kshs. 12 Million for Tourism promotion, Marketing and Geo Park development.

Mr. Speaker we realized that we have been talking about tourism and trade but Mr. Speaker we are not providing the finance and this committee decided that for once can we be deliberate and give them the resources so that Mr. Speaker when we come here we don't criticize but get feedback from the resource we allocated. Most of the departments have been said we are starved of resources and when we check through Mr. Speaker some of the departments were reading 0.3% allocation. Like water; they have a roll over of 800 Million, there is a possible allocation from the public the way we know they allocate maybe of another 500 Million and the O&M is 0.3% Mr. Speaker.

5. That, the allocation for the department of Health Services be enhanced by Kshs. 10 Million to read Kshs. 390,341,962 and to be shared amongst the following programmes, Mr. Speaker we have;
 - i. General Administration, Planning and support services be located Kshs. 76,068,392
 - ii. Curative and rehabilitative Services be allocated Kshs. 121,709,428
 - iii. Preventive and Promotive services be allocated Kshs. 192,564,142, Kshs 10 Million is for Support to Public Health Service and Community Health Volunteers (CHV) and related services.

Mr. Speaker we realized that the CFSP that the department presented did not go into this specific. Mr. Speaker we know we are getting an extra Chief Officer (CO) in that department and we don't want to create offices that do not function Mr. Speaker because of lack of financing and this committee Mr. Speaker decided that we are going to show them how to share this money Mr. Speaker and also we are distributing the 74 Million that we took from salaries, you can see 10 Million, 5 Million and like this one we have given them 10 Million the department of health.

6. Mr. Speaker that, the allocation for the department of Treasury and Economic Planning recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 10 Million to read Kshs. 169,214,400 for the following programme;
 - i. Revenue Services programmes be enhanced by Kshs. 10 Million to read Kshs 26 Million for enforcement and other revenue generation related services.

Mr. Speaker we realized that we are even adding money to treasury because we have a component that we talk about revenue services. We are giving them more money so that they can go and enhance those services. Like they have been saying they don't have enforcement officers. This 10 Million should resource them so that they can do those services.

- ii. Budget, Planning and M&E Services be enhanced by Kshs. 15,000,000 to read Kshs. 40,899,400 to include KDSP allocation.
7. That, the allocation for the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 15 Million to read Kshs. 29,869,781 under the following programmes;
 - i. General Administration, Planning and support services be allocated Kshs. 4,869,781
 - ii. Fisheries development and management be allocated Kshs. 2 Million to facilitate fisheries activities including marketing and fisheries promotion.
 - iii. Livestock production and management be allocated Kshs. 8 Million to facilitate Livestock production and veterinary services.
 - iv. Crop management and Development Kshs. 15 Million to operationalize AMS and ATC by allocating Kshs.10 Million and Kshs. 5 Million for crop management activities including extension services.

Mr. Speaker they left these ones as blanks and we asked ourselves; how will these people draw funds and Mr. Speaker we want every office to stand on its own feet? We don't want a situation

Mr. Speaker where an office goes begging. How will we take this people to account? Like now we will have two COs, we realized there is a CO who will not have any allocation. How will that CO function? So it means we were just looking for jobs for people but we don't want them to function Mr. Speaker and this was deliberate Mr. Speaker so that we see people getting to work.

8. That, the allocation for the department of Lands, Housing and Urban development services recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 2 Million to read Kshs. 22,917,118 under the following programmes;
 - i. General Administration, Planning and support services be allocated Kshs. 8,003,832.
 - ii. Land use planning and information management be allocated Kshs. 2 Million for physical planning and survey activities.
 - iii. Housing development and Management be allocated Kshs. 1 Million to facilitate affordable housing project.

Mr. Speaker we know this is an area that we have been talking about the Government Housing Project. Mr. Speaker we realized the department is not keen and it is like they are not resourcing and we added this money and we want to see this money giving us information about those activities that the National Government is giving us. We are doing very badly. Baringo has not even decide where to build this Houses, we are doing badly. Some Counties have already started the same process.

9. That, the allocation for the department of Water and Irrigation recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 7,104,197 to read Kshs. 52, 059,709 under the following programmes;
 - i. General Administration, Planning and support services be allocated Kshs. 37,955,512 for Water related support services and electricity for Kirandich Water Services.

Mr. Speaker sir that is an area that we have been facing a lot of challenges and Mr. Speaker at some point when you look at the O&M of the water department, the money that they allocate Mr. Speaker, when you take out the electricity bill alone which is around 22 Million the department is bankrupted Mr. Speaker and we felt like we must intervene.
 - ii. Water resources development and supplies management be allocated Kshs. 12,104,197 for Water development supplies and other related activities.
 - iii. Mr. Speaker; Irrigation infrastructure development be allocated Kshs.2 Million to facilitate prefeasibility and development of designs for new irrigation schemes.

Mr. Speaker we realized that we talk about irrigation. All our statements are about irrigation but Mr. Speaker before you do irrigation we have feasibility studies and designs. I know Mr. Speaker this amount might not be enough but at least we have shown that we can purpose to increase more money in the near future Mr. Speaker so that we can have a start. So this is a start.

10. That, the allocation for the department of Education and Vocational Training Services recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 10 Million to read Kshs. 70,090,000 under the following programmes;

- i. General Administration, Planning and support services be allocated Kshs. 10,090,000 for administration services.
 - ii. Early Childhood Development Services be enhanced by Kshs. 15 Million to read Kshs. 30 Million for School Feeding Programme and other ECDE related activities. Mr. Speaker this is our core mandate and that area should be financed properly Mr. Speaker.
11. That, the allocation for the department of Roads, Infrastructure and Public works sub-sector recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 7 Million to read Kshs. 19,700,173 under the following programmes;
- i. General Administration, Planning and support services be allocated Kshs. 5,700,173 for administrative services.
 - ii. Roads Infrastructure be allocated Kshs. 12 Million for roads activities.
 - iii. Energy access infrastructure development services be allocated Kshs. 1 Million for Street lighting, solar repair and maintenance activities
 - iv. ICT promotion and idea incubation programme be allocated Kshs. 1 Million to facilitate promotion and idea incubation.

Mr. Speaker we realized this are dynamic areas that we need deliberate funding. Like the street lighting Mr. Speaker and even the solar panels we have installed in our centre's Mr. Speaker, we realized there is no allocation for maintenance and that is a serious issue.

Why some of the Members here have been accused that why did you put solar light that is not functioning and Mr. Speaker we realized that when you go to the department of roads, they only concentrate on roads activities forgetting they also have a mandate for works and the works entails all these things Mr. Speaker because when you meet them they will tell you we don't have that maintenance kitty. So how are we supposed to function? So that was deliberate for that.

12. Mr. Speaker that, the allocation for the department of Environment and Natural resources recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 3 Million to read Kshs. 16,301,809 under the following programmes;
- i. General Administration, Planning and support services to be allocated Kshs. 6,301,809.
 - ii. Environment Conservation and management services be allocated Kshs. 6 Million for Environment Conservation and Management including Climate Change Adaptation and Actions.
 - iii. Natural Resource Conservation, Exploitation and Management Kshs. 4 Million for conservation, exploitation of minerals and development of legal and policy framework
13. That, the allocation for the department of Social Protection Culture, Youth and Gender recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 5 Million to read Kshs. 19,892,453 under the following programmes;
- i. Sports development and management Kshs 7 Million to facilitate sporting activities including KICOSCA competition and other sports related activities.

- ii. Cultural and Creative Arts Development be allocated Kshs. 2 Million for culture and creative activities.

Mr. Speaker we realized we are not participating in sporting activities and you know Mr. Speaker this is part of culture development and bringing up people who have values for the nation Mr. Speaker. There is no reason why Baringo is always missing in National competition especially from the executive side.

We realized it's just because they don't budget and allocate funds. So we have deliberately directed. So Mr. Speaker you could see us trying to create so that it informs them unlike when they just say 19 Million for sports. So you know that makes it easy for people to shelve others Mr. Speaker.

14. That, the allocation for Ward Specific projects be set at Kshs. 35 Million per Ward and each project to be financed should be allocated at least Kshs. 5 Million for ease of implementation.

Mr. Speaker this is a deliberate action that we had so many fragmentation of projects at Ward level and Mr. Speaker we are saying on behalf of the Assembly and everybody, we are saying this Ward Specific be enhanced 35 Million and at the same time Mr. Speaker, let us do projects that are really manageable and can be completed at ago and not projects that will last even two or three years Mr. Speaker. That is what has necessitated the roll overs Mr. Speaker.

15. That, the County Treasury and Economic Planning shall revise the overall revenue and expenditure ceilings for programmes during the preparation of 2023/2024 Financial Year estimates of revenue and expenditure to accommodate enhanced revenue in the division of revenue law for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

16. That, the Overall ceiling for the County Government estimates of revenue for the 2023/2024 Financial Year be approved at Kshs. 7,129,817,669 as set out in Schedule I. Mr. Speaker you have Schedule I that exposes you to the revenues Mr. Speaker and it's in that report. Members can have a look. It is ... I don't know the page... we have a page after the conclusion and before I read the conclusion you will see the page of Schedule I that talks about the revenue.

17. That, the Sector, Sub-Sector or Programme ceilings for the County Government estimates for expenditure for the Financial Year 2023/2024 be approved at Kshs 7,129,817,669 as set out in Schedule II.

Mr. Speaker we also have Schedule II. I hope Members can see Schedule II. It shows summary, we have sector, sub-sector and programmes. Members can read and get to inform themselves because Mr. Speaker we want this time round all of us to be able to have a follow on what really transpires. Mr. Speaker let me go to the conclusions. Mr. Speaker...

(Hon Kibet peruses the report)

Mr. Speaker you know we started by crisscrossing this report so I am looking for where the acknowledgement is.

(Loud Consultations)

Mr. Speaker sir, before I do the conclusion is the acknowledgement.

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee acknowledges the facilitative role received from the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly towards the development of this report.

Much appreciation also goes to all the Sectoral Committee Chairpersons and by extension to all the Sectoral Committees for their in-depth analysis and presentations on their respective department's CFSP for the 2023/2024 Financial Year. Mr. Speaker we had an interactive session with the Chairpersons and they made very powerful presentations and that necessitated Mr. Speaker our serious resolve to enhance their departments O&M Mr. Speaker and I think take home for the Chairpersons Mr. Speaker today is to go back to the department and point out clearly that they were able to seriously lobby for a resource that is O&M.

So anything additional should be credited to the Chairpersons Mr. Speaker because all of them were showing desperations on how the ceilings are always altered and it makes it very difficult to operate Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wishes also to acknowledge the fruitful engagement it held with the County Treasury and Economic Planning team lead by Hon. Peninah Bartuin, the CEC Member for Public Services, Administration, Devolution & ICT who represented the CECM for County Treasury and Economic Planning who was out of the Country on Official duty.

Mr. Speaker we were so impressed by the presentation of the CEC from Public Service. Mr. Speaker you know always this House participates in approval and Mr. Speaker when we see CECs who can crisscross departments and perform very well, I think this House should take credit Mr. Speaker. So we really acknowledge that department for their presentations.

Hon. Speaker lastly, I would wish to commend all the Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the technical staff from the Budget Office for their tireless contributions towards the successful development of this report. Mr. Speaker you were in our submission and we sat till I think 10PM at night Mr. Speaker and I want to appreciate the Members Mr. Speaker for two consecutive days, we ended our sittings past 10 Mr. Speaker and that was a tremendous commitment by the committee to make sure that we were able to listen to every Chairman and come up with a report.

I also want to appreciate our technical team Mr. Speaker. They have worked tirelessly. It has taken them a lot of time Mr. Speaker and you can see Mr. Speaker the work we have done is not the work we were given to copy. It is the work that we deliberately do and getting to understand all those departments and the activities and be able to appropriate funds accordingly Mr. Speaker.

The conclusion Mr. Speaker; Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the provisions of Section 117 of the PFM Act, 2012, Standing Order 211 of the County Assembly of Baringo Standing Orders and the PFM County Government Regulations, 2015, the CFSP 2023/2024 as earlier mentioned is a very important document in the Budget Cycle because it provides a basis of setting expenditure ceilings for each department during the preparation of the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

Therefore, the Budget and Appropriations Committee hereby calls upon the County Assembly to approve the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Baringo County Government County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for the 2023/2024 Financial Year to allow the County Executive to prepare the estimates of revenue and expenditure for 2023/2024 Financial Year in strict compliance with the recommendations herein. Hon. Speaker I Beg to Move. I call upon my Vice Chair to second.

Hon. Symon: Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to second this CFSP report. My Chairman has explained so much in details about what we did. This CFSP report Mr. Speaker is a guiding document when we preparing the budget estimates for the County Government of Baringo and if we go wrong with the CFSP then we shall go wrong with the budget estimates this coming Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker, we were so keen because if a department has been allocated some amount in this CFSP and during the budget estimates they cannot go beyond that ceiling. So we were so keen that departments going forward will not be affected in their operations. Mr. Speaker, our emphasis was on O&M. You get a department getting billions of money but the money for operations that is O&M is very little and it cannot sustain these people to deliver on their projects.

Mr. Speaker, when you see departments which are very sensitive like water, they are been given an O&M of which we saw it was about 37 Million but from the proposal from the County Treasury for water, the water department was given 44 Million for O&M but mark you that; in this O&M 44 Million, about 30 Million goes to Kirandich for payment of electricity. This department will only remain with 14 Million for implementation of projects.

So we saw the need of enhancing this O&M so that the department can have the financial muscle to implement these projects. Development is about 344 Million and O&M of 14 Million. So you see it is something which cannot even sustain these people for the whole Financial Year. So Mr. Speaker sir, I support the amendments we have mad to this CFSP. Like in lands we didn't even give you 2 Million but enhanced their budget by about 13 point something Million because there were only given 9 Million and now we are giving them about 22, 917,000.

So we have enhanced this department because it is very important and they have a lot of things to implement. Like the valuation role, I think this County is one of the remaining Counties which are not collecting revenue for land rates but without O&M for this department, they cannot have the muscle to do this. We are requesting the Chair for Lands to kindly fast track the department to come with that policy on valuation role, so that the County can enhance on the County revenue through collection of revenue.

Mr. Speaker sir we are still behind in terms of local revenue collection in this County. The Controller of Budget and Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) set a ceiling of 2 Billion to be collected locally from the local revenues of Baringo County but now we are doing 328 Million. So we are still far away from meeting the target of the CRA.

Mr. Speaker we saw that the County Government is saying that currently they are collecting 1 Million per day but in Tiaty Sub County, the MCAs from that Sub County are saying there is nothing happening there in terms of revenue collection and there is a lot of resources been taken

from Baringo County to other Counties without the collection of any revenue. The CEC of treasury should enhance revenue collection by employing local people from that place to collect on behalf of the County.

In one year Mr. Speaker having being strict on land rates and other revenue collection this County can collect over 500 million this coming Financial Year. We deliberately gave target of Kshs. 365 yearly because they are collecting a million a day. The equitable share is not enough in our County and thus we rely on donor funds for development.

I request MCAs we push the executive to implement the revenue collection so that we have money for development in our wards. Many departments have roll overs because they have no money for operations and huge wage bill in this County making implementation of projects slow. I urge that departments that are of great importance like agriculture, water, health and tourism must have enough staff to collect revenue. 70% of Baringo populations are doing agriculture if we enhance this department, we will have a lot of revenue. We have requested roads department to come up with a policy to guide us in terms of machines in management and it should give us revenue when hiring to individuals and institutions.

In tourism many places have been subjected to Geoparks after the visibility study currently done but the department of lands. This will generate revenue in our wards. Lake Bogoria we have a budget to make a road to go around the lake for tourists that in few years the County of Baringo will be collecting enough money.

In development Mr. Speaker, we have enhanced the ward fund which is seen in the ground. Without it, nothing will be seen. In our wards we have flagship projects to a total of Kshs. 10 million and this can be done by ward fund even if its 5 million projects it will be up to its completion.

I support the report and urge members to support the report in enhancing the estimates. I second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Motion after being moved and seconded, I propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Debate is open, Hon. Lekakimon

Hon. Lekakimon: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this Fiscal Strategy Paper we all know that budget is a process and this is one process of developing a budget. For a budget to be implemented and processed in the department, it has to go through this process.

I support the committee on budget; Hon. Kibet you have realized that for this County to prosper, every department should have some money to be seen doing good job. I support because recently we have seen some advertisement, that the chief officer as from 13th-19th shows that we will have some departments in this County. When the committee sat and consider and developing many department, every department should be given some money on expenditure ceiling and money operation and maintenance (O&M). Therefore, the work now is on our side as members of this Assembly because we have allocated money. The budget for this department will come and the strategy paper will allow the treasury prepare budget allocated to each department.

It is prerogative of this Assembly to make sure that the money that is allocated to that department is utilized to maximum to avoid a lot of deficiencies in our Wards and in our County.

So the Members of this House be it committee of land housing or urban development or any other committee, every department has money, the budget committee has considered all the offices and the Executive offices that are there.

It is now us who need to engage those departments and see some work done because there will be no excuse, if their excuse was on operation and maintenance it has been considered in this strategic paper that when they make their budget there should be money for operation. So there will be no excuses of projects not done or monitored, how they are being done and so on.

Mr. Speaker there is another issue of grants that we normally get in this County. There are some grants coming through the committee on health services, environment and natural resources, and even on this climate change. Mr. Speaker I think we should also engage to some extent because at many times we don't see how these grants are being utilized within our budgets as the County Assembly.

So we should be told at the department level and the people who should do this work is the committee in charge of every department that we go to this grants what did it do and how much was received and how it was utilized.

Mr. Speaker if we also look at those areas we will avoid corruption at times we may co-fund some of these projects and some of the money will go to the wrong hands, now I have heard a Member while supporting this Fiscal Strategy Paper that we have allocated water and irrigation Kshs. 35 million and they singled out Kirandich dam.

Mr. Speaker you see there was a lot of money allocated to the department of water through water trust fund doing some good job on the ground and the people in charge is Kirandich and we still say we want this money that we have allocated them to see what it has done.

We have a project in our Ward of about Kshs. 70million but the impact has not been felt, when you try to follow, it is the department of Kirandich that has taken the contract and things are not clear. So the committee in charge of water and the department should be very clear on some of these issues.

Mr. Speaker if you are allocated Kshs. 70million I think the impact of that money will be seen on the ground and we shall not be complaining of water yet we have money allocated in the County and we have money from these donor companies that are friends to this County.

Mr. Speaker it is now right for this County to get equalization fund, we have come to realize that the Kshs. 6 billion that we receive as a County is very little compared to the enormous work that we have in the County.

However, much we try to collect some revenue, we still need more money, so we need to fight for equalization fund so that we can also get this money and improve on our activities in this County.

Mr. Speaker we have so many resources in this County but we have not utilized them to maximum, for example we have Geothermal Development Company in Tiaty. The amount of

power that we get there, if they give us the revenue that we require I am sure we shall be the most rich County. We shall not be talking of small billions allocated to this County because we shall be having a lot of local revenue around.

If we utilize these resources I am sure we shall not be behind in development because we have our local revenue and the National money and there will be development. So I support because this is a process of budget making.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Sitori

Hon. Sitori: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I congratulate the team for doing a good job and specifically I like their recommendation because they are making bold recommendations that may not be made by people who are not bold enough.

Mr. Speaker, they have decided to chop the money that is going to salaries and that is a very good thing, you know when we are moving away from paying salaries of people who are not generating revenue it means we are developing and we are taking this money to development. I have seen the Chair health services highlighting that they have reduced Kshs. 74 million and distributed for development, that is a very bold step Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker it is important that they have recommended that the County need to invest in places that will generate more revenue; I like the passion that the vice Chairman has put in highlighting that we need to generate more revenue, Lake Baringo, Lake Bogoria.

Mr. Speaker that is the zeal that we need to have, even as a House we need to think of revenue generating places so I applaud that. Mr. Speaker on health services the committee has made a very bold recommendation that we increase the funding for that department by Kshs. 10 million and they have highlighted key people who are serving our people that are CHVs.

Mr. Speaker in Bartabwa the ward that I represent the CHVs are doing a very good job, Mr. Speaker you will be disappointed to note that these people are doing voluntary work just as the name suggests but we have a policy that needs to give these people something and the previous House passed something to that effect.

Mr. Speaker it is time and I like the way the committee is recommending, I only wish that it could come out clearly that we want to give these people a token of appreciation for the good work they are doing however I thank the team for that recommendation.

Mr. Speaker the second is on my department lands housing and urban development, we are increasing from what we requested of Kshs. 9 million up to Kshs. 22 million and Mr. Speaker this is informed by the fact that if we have the valuation role what the Chairman has said and Chair I assure you that we are going to work with the team in Executive to make sure that we have this valuation role up and running. This is something that is going to generate more income to the County so I support that.

Mr. Speaker on education the team proposed that we spend about Kshs. 30 million in school feeding programs ECDs, this is a very good one taking in to consideration the children who are coming from ASAL areas and this is very specific.

Mr. Speaker when you go to Tiaty those children if we are to push those children to go to school it will be through school feeding programs, even in these other sides of Saimo Soi and I want to invite Members once in a while that the senior Hon. Member Ngotie , I want to invite them to visit those areas and the so called ASAL areas because when we talk here you may not be able to appreciate what we say. Mr. Speaker I know in your ward you have the ASAL area and I have been there but I know there are some Members who may not understand. This is a very good recommendation that we feed these children. However, as we feed the children, we also need to feed the teacher and that needs to come out clearly that our ECDE Teachers are still earning Kshs. 8,000 which comes to around Kshs. 6,000 when deductions are made.

We also need to come out clearly and say that our ECDE teachers need better scheme of service and remuneration. I once said in this House that the praise of any community can only be seen through their education system. I would request that going forward we make sure that this House pushes for the ECDE teachers to be employed on a permanent and pensionable basis and this is a good avenue because we are increasing funds to take care of that.

If I was to make an amendment, I would say that out of Kshs. 30 million that were to go to feeding be divided into two and have the half to enhance scheme of service for the ECDE and employ more. *Kazi kwa vijana* is a very good initiative but the team is proposing that we develop policies to guide the initiative. If we will have this up and running, the maintenance of the roads that the County Government is doing will be more effective. In doing this we will also be able to save our young people from engaging in other activities that are not constructive to them.

When you go to the villages today you will find young people playing pool, cards and all sorts of games that don't get money into their pockets. Thinking of an activity that will benefit them and the community I request the Chair Budget to put a timeline so that this House checks to make sure that the policy comes to this House for adoption and operationalization because I realized that you did not put a timeline on when the Department should give us the guideline. Also if I had a chance and I hope somebody will listen that we increase this fund from Kshs. 1 million that the Committee is proposing to Kshs. 3 million per Ward because this is 2 way money that will benefit the community and the youth.

Finally on sports, I realized that the committee is proposing that we slash some money and take it to sports, and I applaud that. If we are going to promote sporting activities, then it is time that we talent search. I have a team that I support in Uasin Gishu and I started it in 2007. Currently the team is playing a competitive football at the Super League level. In this team we picked young people because of what was happening in that community and I believe that in Baringo we can support teams and talent search to ensure that in the future we have athletes, footballers, volley ballers and all sort of sports people from there.

I suggest that if possible we also increase the funds for sporting activity and make it to the Ward level so that we can promote talent search. I support the report and I am happy. I am an objective person and when you look at this report, it is good and I applaud the team and the Clerks of this Committee.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Ng'otie

Hon. Ng'otie: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Most of the items that I wanted to applaud have been handled by my colleague Eng. Sitei. I congratulate the committee through the Chair for the good job. The volume of the report is not intimidating and you can go through it. Sometimes, I saw when the Chair Finance brought a voluminous document and it is very intimidating. You can give up and walk out but this one is so friendly and most of us don't walk out when reading this.

For the first time, this report for Budget is not a copy paste. We have previously seen copy paste report but for this they used their brains and time to come up with this. I congratulate them for finding money to place somewhere and we can see a win-win situation. I wish that this report can be used in the actual budgeting. I am happy because they will be the one handling the budget. If we can implement policies for something like *kazi kwa vijana*, it will be the second from Kakamega and the technical can go for benchmarking so that we can domesticate it for Baringo.

Another item is electrical installations. We usually allocate money for floodlights but immediately or 2 months after installations, it doesn't work because there is no money for maintenance. If we allocate this in the main budget, then it won't be a white elephant. Revenue collection in the department of lands if we can do the valuation of various lands and those without allotment letters can be given some numbers so that they can pay revenue. In Ravine, informal settlements don't pay anything and they are willing to pay.

Another item is in terms of livestock production where they have also suggested that they enhance because they want the production including the dairy to go up and ATC as well as EMS. You sometimes back in the first Assembly Mr. Speaker sir you allocated some money to buy tractors and farm implements to assist farmers in ploughing at subsidized price but now we got the report of PIC/ PAC and they are just lying there with small items missing, if they get this money I think they can be up and running. This is also going to support the two dozers that we have to do our dams, when they get that money I think they can do something.

Mr. Speaker sir, the extension officers who sometimes back when we were young when the Government were providing extension officers including some khaki uniforms with some green flaps and they were doing commendable job, if they can get this money we can employ extension officers then it will improve our farming and livestock.

Now, Mr. Speaker, on Kirandich electrical money which we have seen, Mr. Speaker we need water even here and we are aware that Kirandich use electricity and not gravity. In Chemususu and I know you are among those who are going to enjoy water from Chemususu we use gravity that is fine but there is a place called upper Chemususu, I think we should be kind to them, when we will have another report like this we include Kirandich and Upper Chemususu, you know the upper Chemususu people are the people who are taking care of this Dam but are not benefiting from it because they are on the upper side.

Mr. Speaker the people of upper Chemususu are now planning to have borehole and pumps to pump water to those areas, Mr. Speaker for them to be also happy we should include them in the planning so that they will know that we are taking care of the payment of electricity expenses and so forth. Mr. Speaker, the same think which Hon. Sitei have said is that the Ksh. 10 Million allocated to Public Health Service and Community Health Volunteers, this is a commendable thing, they thought about it... Mr. Speaker I remember there is a time you brought a motion

concerning the same that you have Community Health Volunteers but they don't get any payment, this one will take care, this is a good document... I wish I had some allocation or cash for lunch I could take the whole team of... you have done a good job, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Ng'otie... Member of Tirioko Ward Hon. Lokales

Hon. Limo: Thank you Mr. Speaker I am really looking forward to the lunch by Hon. Ng'otie and therefore I will reserve my coins today that were meant for my lunch and I think the Chairman is taking note of that. Mr. Speaker I am a member of this committee and I am happy that we did a very thorough work in Nakuru, Mr. Speaker we were sitting sometimes up to as late as 10pm, in fact Mr. Speaker you are a witness because you were there and we could handle meetings past midnight, that shows the level of commitment of this committee to presenting a credible report to this House Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy that this report has been praised by senior Members of this House, I have heard Hon. Lekakimon, Hon. Ng'otie, Eng. Hon. Sitoi ... Mr. Speaker when Engineers talk and senior members also talk like they have done then we even will remain with nothing to add maybe to request you that you do the rightful thing Mr. Speaker and we just say 'aye' and the report goes through.

Mr. Speaker let me give some contributions on what I have reserved for myself that first this is the first committee that has become so detailed in terms of working on the budget ceiling, previously Mr. Speaker the ceilings were... maybe the understanding was different but this time round Mr. Speaker we have a competent Chair and the team. Mr. Speaker there was issues of ceiling where when ceiling is low and it happens that we receive grants from well-wishers or even World fund we allocate a lot of money to one department and you had a low ceiling then you will be told this road from Chemayes to Kamokol you will not put it in transport because the ceiling is exceeded and that was a risk we have been working with Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker this was a well done job by the committee and may be to give confidence to Hon. Members is that there is no department that its ceiling is low to an expected amount that is going to be in that department and therefore Hon. Members can work in their committees, put money and do projects of the Ward and those of the County at large Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker as members were bringing their departmental reports through their Chairpersons we factored in important projects that we so that were really touching the lives of the residence of Baringo and an example Mr. Speaker is what Hon. Ng'otie had mentioned here dubbed *Kazi kwa Vijana*, Mr. Speaker we have 30 Wards and if we can allocate Ksh.60 Million, that is Ksh.2 Million per Ward and in every Ward we get Hon. Members give work or employ 20 or even 40 youth per year that will mean for five years Mr. Speaker we will have employed over 200 youth and those are people who currently loitering around that is the seriousness that this ceiling has.

Mr. Speaker you will also realize that after the Hon. Members got views from Members of this House and the Chairperson of committees our Ward based project budget was at Ksh.25 Million but the ceiling is now raised to Ksh.35 Million that means if the treasury, the Governor and the elected members will find a way we can even raise this money to Ksh.35 Million or even next year raised to Ksh.40 Million and we will not then have a problem of the ceiling of the Ward

fund Mr. Speaker, this is something that Hon. Members should be appreciating so much because it is touching them and their Wards.

On Issues of Tourism Mr. Speaker, we have had problems and challenges within this County, previously even money that was meant to promote tourism were not considered Mr. Speaker and that is why the committee have considered to allocate some ceilings to that department of Tourism to ensure that they will get something to do the promotion of Tourism in Baringo now that we have geo-site here in our own Ossan here and therefore that will benefit the entire County.

Mr. Speaker you have heard that there were problems of revenue collection and it is something we have mentioned here so frequently that we are losing our revenue to other Counties like West Pokot, Elgeiyo Marakwet because of our borders which are now well demarcated for revenue collection therefore we had an opportunity to interact with the treasury and the person in charge of revenue collection Mr. Siror and we told them point blank that they need to do something now that we have given them some money, they can now employ our young men. Mr. Speaker we are trying to do the bottom up that this Government of UDA is promoting. We want to ensure the Mama mbogas and these hustlers benefit from this Government so that when we are going to the next election we will not have heard task to campaign for his Excellency William Ruto. Therefore as Baringo we must have earned a stake in this Government.

Lastly, the report is so clear and I want to encourage members as I support myself that let us support it and pass it. There is nothing you will have doubt, you will not have anything to worry about it like the previous report that we were passing later to be told that you will not get your salary because the one third is not there. Mr Speaker now that the committee worked round the clock to beat the 12 hours of members getting soft copies and posting in the internet and members here are confident and debating without worries. I support this report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon Lokales . Any other member.

(Long silence)

If there is no other member the mover to reply.

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr Speaker sir I want to applaud members for their contributions. They have highlighted very critical issues. There is this issue of County machines we want a policy and I think we will task the Chair roads to speed up and get this policy because some of these machines could be lying idle. Any machine lying idle is money. That is what we want. Mr Speaker very good recommendations by members about how tourism can increase our revenue and that informed why we really want, some people say why give us functions without money. We are saying as Baringo money will follow functions that is what we are going to do.

Mr Speaker members have talked about the flagship departmental projects and ward based projects. I think it is time that we put the right wordings for this activity that we are undertaking . Like the ward based projects let us called that ward based projects not funs so that we now develop the right instruments so that as we struggle with the national fights we already have what is workable in the County. It is my opinion that flagship projects, let is not misuse this term because when we call a project of 10 million flagship we really misinform everybody. Let us call

them departmental projects. They are not ward based but departmental. Any flagship let it be a serious project that is costing 100 million and above. Mr Speaker very serious issues about this conditional grant and I think that is where there is a problem we request the department for a serious meeting and they need to supply us with those agreements. People just don't bring money to Baringo they must be some agreements. There must be intention. Recently we were told of support for boreholes, I think there is an organization which brought in , but the support was left to a department. We want to ask for that report so that we know how was it distributed. How many boreholes went to Ravine? Tiaty and those others regions to address this issue of water and the rest. We want to know how these grants are operationalized. We realized some of the facilities are being funded on these platforms but the grants, they support maybe payment for staff. They end up choosing facility that has not been equipped so you get somebody has neem assigned a facility being paid to be a surgeon in a facility that has no surgery equipment. The department is saying that we are performing a duty so they pay people salaries who are not doing anything and that is a serious problem that we are facing in Baringo.

Mr Speaker I support members when they ask for agreements I think we need to task the Chair of the committee under Devolution to go and get us this. I believe they should be coming through a process so that these members can know and it also helps members to lobby. Members have been so eager to go to these offices and get to know how their people can benefit. We have so many projects like we have KELOP, Climate smart and do we even have a report of climate smart to tell us what was the impact in how many wards benefitted and there are many others . like the resilience program was 1 billion funded project but do we have the analysis, the feedback. Some of these donors are also businessmen we don't want Baringo to be processing conduit for business transactions. If you look at Cummins, was that not a business transaction that went through Baringo, we have the Aloe Vera in Marigat, what was it Mr Speaker? We have so many other projects that people use the Government, make their money and disappear.

Mr Speaker members here have talked about funding, we have the Water Trust, I think the experience with Water Trust Fund is a bad one because you are being called and told you have gotten 70 million. In Kabarnet there a project for last mile connectivity but if you move around you cannot see, it means as a House we want to know when these projects are being undertaken. I remember at some point we challenged a BQ, the same water trust had proposed to do a masonry tank at a cost of 6 million, today if you go to SS the municipality was able to do the same tank at 3million; they were doing 6 million for 100000 litres, we have done 200000 litres with 3 million. When we challenged they decided to abandon the project and picked other issues. They picked supply of pipes to Kirdam, you know that on is beyond our scope. You can go to South Africa to look for ... that is the challenge we are facing. Our senior also talked about equalization fund. I think this House cannot keep quiet when equalization fund is being dispensed; we need to do something otherwise how do we even express our displeasure. Why are we getting the least? What process are they using to identify the beneficiaries? And if possible this is something that we need to do a serious write up to have to our voices heard and this will make sure that they understand that we know this fund exist and we deserve it in this format.

Mr. Speaker people are doing business and prospectors are getting shares but what is Baringo getting. I was asking whether the geothermal is operational and he said no. and the excuse they use is that they are yet to start so that they can employ the people of Baringo.

Mr. Speaker GDC is a big company in Kenya. If the one in Silale is not operational why can't they employ our people in Naivasha. They can take them for training so that when the one for Silale is operationalized they will be the ones to be employed. Those are some of the grey areas that we feel that might be utilized to give jobs to our youth so that they can support their livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud members because they have been asking about volunteers. Mr. Speaker people always volunteer with the hope that they will one day be absorbed. The service that people have offered need to be paid. What they are getting should always be enhanced so that it may find its way to the budget. The CFSP is creating room for activities meaning we can also push in the budget.

Mr. Speaker there is the role of valuation and I can attest to you that even members here have done land transactions within Baringo and they have paid nothing to the Baringo County Government. This role has been left to brokers and lawyers. I wish we could have a department of valuation because we are losing a lot. In Marigat or Kabarnet one piece of land is being transacted on for about three times.

Mr. Speaker on the issue of ECDE feeding program I urge the Chairs to help us here. A member asked a question here that as we feed the child what we are doing about the teacher. Mr. Speaker we must all agree that when people invented the issue of remedial in schools it was meant to make the parents understand that they have a role in supporting the teachers and I can tell you that schools that have managed to handle remedial have had good successes in performance. Why can't we think hard about our ECDE teachers. Some of them work in very remote areas and they walk even five kilometers by foot to school. I request the Chairman education to make a follow up to the ministry because they can enhance the ceiling and do something for the teachers

Mr. Speaker I realized that some of the teachers appreciate the end year travel outside their work stations. Some the teachers were taken to Cheptebo and they were very happy. The teachers should know that we are doing something about their welfare.

Mr. Speaker members here have talked about the *Kazi Kwa Vijana*, assuming we have a token and we want to employ this people and engage them in activities like road openings, like in Marigat we have a weed besides the roads. We can appropriate this fund and the Hon. Lekakimon can access it. We can allocate 2,000 per month to 200 youth that will be 4,8M per ward per year. The youth can do road clearing or a productive job and they earn something. It will have a very huge impact to our society

When people hear about *Kazi Kwa Vijana* they start thinking about a lot of money. The national Government was able to roll this program at a very low cost. They were paying them once in a week and at the end of the month they get Kshs 5,000 and they were very happy. Its all about having a program that can engage the youth. If it is clearing of roads they will do it for only two hours and they are done.

The National Government is talking about planting billion threes if we start this program and have legislation we can even attract the national Government funding. They can easily say they are supplying the trees and lunch for the youth. Can we create avenues even outside the budgets that we have

Mr. Speaker there is something about sporting activities which is very important and I believe members here have faced challenges. I heard the Chair talking about supporting a team I am also a victim I support almost three teams and they are playing regional leagues the other day I spent almost Ksh 30,000 to take them to Nyandarua

Mr. Speaker there is need to take the burden away from members and have an organized way of supporting these activities. We cannot leave it to the wishes of politicians. Assuming your competitor comes up with a better program of supporting the same youth. It becomes chaotic to leadership. Leadership which is not stable will not deliver

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate members and I also appreciate the mayor of ravine he has consciously decided to buy my members lunch. I am happy that members have shown full support for the members. We want now to walk the talk if we all purpose to support this and make sure that it is acted upon it will be the right step forward

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Chair.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Order member! This House stands adjourned till today at 2:30pm

The House rose at 11:53AM