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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI

SECOND ASSEMBLY –FIFTH SESSION

**THE HANSARD**

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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,  
Malindi Town, at 2:30p.m.*

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mramba) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE KILIFI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER, 2021

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Kilifi County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2021 laid on the Table of this House on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish to submit as follows; the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is one of the very important documents when it comes to the budget making process. This is a document that specifies the broad strategic priorities and in a nutshell or in summary, this is a document that sets the various ceilings of the Departments, divisions and sub-divisions.

After looking at this document, we came up with a number of recommendations when we surveyed the findings. First and foremost, this document if you look at the resource envelope of this county vis-à-vis the expenditure, you will realize that...

*(Hon. Kiraga spoke off record)*

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...and this is a finding we noted as a Committee. We realized that the expenditure that was captured from the Executive was way above our total county resource bucket by Kshs25,256,765 million. In summary, the Executive are eager to spend without even looking at the resource envelope.

We made some few changes in this CFSP (County Fiscal Strategy Paper) after considering the whole document. In the Department of Health for example, the Department had projected to allocate five million shillings for equipping some facilities which are yet to be opened and they were a number of facilities, more than 14 facilities, which are yet to be opened and used.

The Department had projected to allocate five million shillings for that programme but as a Committee and together with the Sectoral Committee on Health, we noted that this amount of money will not be sufficient. That is why if you look at our Report, we had to increase the five million shillings to Kshs 30 million.

Again, if you look at the revenue projections for the coming financial year, the Treasury is planning to give a target of Kshs 925 million but we thought after doing consultations with the relevant Department, that is the Treasury, we were satisfied that we can reach that target as a county only that those mechanisms for example the loopholes which we've been seeing day in day out are minimized. We can realize that target because the current target is Kshs1,150,000,000 so there is a reduction. One of the justifications of the reductions is the current situation we are at a county, as a country and the world at large.

Again, in the Department of Health, we also have a Health Services Improvement Fund which was passed in the last Assembly that is in 2016. If you look at the regulations of that fund, it says that funds collected by the main hospitals should not be used at the source. They should first hit the county revenue fund and when they hit the county revenue fund, they become one of the sources of our budget.

There was an advisory from the Controller of Budget that this fund should be used at the source because of the problems the hospitals have been facing. Buying of a syringe will take almost some months due to the process involved because when the money is in the county revenue fund, it becomes a very long procedure for these hospitals to access such funds. So, we made a recommendation that the Department of Health should provide this House with amendments before 30<sup>th</sup> of June this year for us to approve the usage of that money and the transfer from the CRF (County Revenue Fund) to the source. That is our recommendation.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the narration of the CFSP, some of the narrations don't marry the specific ceilings. I want to give an example; if you look at the Department of Agriculture where we have three divisions, in the narration they talk sweet but this county should be food sufficient and there's quite a bit of literature to support that but when it comes to the allocations, it doesn't marry at all.

If you look at the division of livestock and that of fisheries, the development budget is nil. There are no ceilings there. As a Committee, we made some recommendations that the ceilings should be added to some of those divisions.

Again if you look at the Department of Health, it has sanctioned a lot of money to the hospital complex. Initially, the contract sum of the hospital complex was Kshs 500 million but considering the subsequent budgets, the allocations have gone over and above Kshs 500 million.

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In fact, as we are speaking now, with suggestions from the Department, it has gone over and above one billion Kenya shillings.

That is why when we were engaging the Treasury and the Department, we needed and it must be provided to this County Assembly for approval, a Strategic Plan for the Kilifi County Hospital complex so that as an Assembly, we can know what is the actual contract sum of that hospital complex and again how much are development partners going to chip in as far as running of that facility is concerned.

Therefore, it is our humble request on behalf of the Committee to seek for the approval of the Fiscal Strategy Paper with some amendments. I wish to end there and thank your office for the logistical facilitations you gave the Committee. I also wish to thank the secretariat attached to the Committee, the Budget Office which is being lead by the Principal Fiscal Analyst Mr. Mwanengo, the Serjeant-at-Arms Department and I also wish to thank the HANSARD Department for the job well done when it comes to deliberations in the Committee and more so I thank the Committee Members who really worked tirelessly to produce this Report. With those few remarks, may I call upon hon. Pascal Jacob Thuva, Member for Mwanamwinga Ward and also representing Kaloleni Sub-County in the Committee to second. Thank you.

*(Hon. Pascal seconded)*

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Pascal:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I do not have much to say because the Chairperson was eloquent enough to describe each item and give very detailed accounts of the Fiscal Strategy Paper. I therefore, kindly appeal to hon. Members to agree with the Chairperson and more so the Committee for tabling this Paper here.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Mramba): Hon. Daniel Chai Chiriba.

**Hon. Chiriba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity as I rise in support for the adoption of this Report. Having interrogated the Report and even on top of what the hon. Chairperson has submitted there were some few observations that I would want to bring to the attention of the House not repeating what the Chairperson has just submitted. We have seen a trend where the Departments majors a lot in coming up with new programmes while as a Committee, we were concerned and we advised the Departments that instead of coming up with new programmes we can first prioritize on with dealing with existing stalled programmes and the so-called pending bills.

Normally, you can see a Department with pending bills and yet coming up with a new programme; it has a number of stalled programmes and yet they come up with a new programme. We want to discourage this and that is why the Committee recommended that the Departments prioritize on the completion of ongoing programmes and clearing with pending bills even before coming up with new programmes. Again, another notable concern is the issue on agriculture whereby we have been crying a lot on the issue of food security. If you look at the priorities at the Department, you see a number of small programmes that indeed cannot really heal the problem of food security that is here in Kilifi.

I remember one day attending a meeting in Kakuyuni Ward which you happen to represent and the Governor cited Madunguni as an area where we can do agriculture so as to feed

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the entire county and even neighbouring counties. This thing has not materialized. We have places like Jilore citing but a few where agriculture can be done but if you look at their allocations you see allocations of programmes of two, three and four million Kenya shillings. We want to discourage this as a Committee and recommend that the Department of Agriculture should be creative enough and come up with good programmes that will be convincing to this honourable House on curbing the issue of food insecurity.

It is also a concern to the CEC (County Executive Committee) Member to adhere to all physical principles in terms of the submissions of these documents concerned. Timely submissions of these programmes will give ample time to this honourable House to scrutinize the same and also harmonize the issues of concern to the documents. It is also a concern and a recommendation of the Committee that timely submission of these very important documents be adhered to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon hon. Members to rise in support of this.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Mramba): Hon. Hassan Mohamed Said, Member for Matsangoni Ward.

**Hon. Hassan:** Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nimesimama kuunga mkono hii kazi nzuri iliyofanywa na Kamati ya Bajeti. Hasa nataka kuzungumzia lile pendekezo lao la nane ambalo pia limegusiwa kidogo hapa.

Kwanza, nashukuru kuona kwamba wamekuwa na ufahamu wa kile kitu kinachoitwa *pending bills*. Nilikuwa nataka kumfahamisha na kusisitiza kwa mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti pamoja na Kamati yake kwamba hili swala limekuwa ni kama donda sugu kwa sasa; kila mwaka tukiingia hatumalizi hizi *pending bills* na kuna miradi mingi ambayo imekwama.

Ombi langu kwenu nyinyi kama Kamati na sisi kama Bunge tuko tayari kuwasaidia kwamba hili swala mlifuatilie kwa vitendo sio kwa maandiko tu peke yake. Kwa hivyo, naomba mlisisitize kwa vitendo na sisi pia tutawasaidia. Asanteni.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Mramba): Hon. Peter Ziro Ngowa, Member for Garashi Ward.

**Hon. Ziro:** Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nimesimama ili kuweza kuunga mkono kazi hii nzuri na safi ambayo imefanywa na Kamati ya Bajeti. Kwanza, nataka kuwapongeza kwa sababu ya kuwacha nyumba zao kuenda kukaa mbali kidogo na familia zao na jamiu zao hasa nikizingatia kwamba Mwenyekiti ni shemegi yangu na saa zingine angekuwa ana shida lakini sasa mama ametulia. Wakaenda wakafanya hii kazi nzuri mpaka wamerudi na hususan nikitilia makazo yale maneno ambayo yamezungumziwa na mheshimiwa Chiriba kuhusu maneno ya kwamba kuna *pending bills* na vitu kama hivyo.

Ninaamini kwamba yale ambayo wamezungumza hapa ambayo tumeyasikia kama watayatilia mkazo na yafanyike yatatusaidia katika hii Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi kwa sababu hiyo ndio imekuwa donda sugu kila mwaka tunaambiwa pesa hizo hazikuweza kutumika kwa sababu kuna hivi *contractors* wanalalamika. Lakini sasa vile wamezungumza ni kuonyesha kwamba wameanza kuona mwangaza na huo mwangaza ninaomba kwa jina la Yesu wazidi kuendelea kuuona ili waweze kusaidia si kuongea tu ama kutuletea sisi kwa makaratasi. Tumeona na tumesikia sauti zao lakini sasa tunataka tuone matendo kwa sababu imani bila matendo imekufa. Hii yao ninaomba isife iendelee hivyo hivyo. Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Mramba): There being no other Business, the House stands adjourned until next sitting.

**The House rose at 2:55p.m.**

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