

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 17th September, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

Deputy Speaker, (Hon Lelengeju Jackson) in Chair

PRAYER

MOTION.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

That, pursuant to Standing Order number 201, 2B, this County Assembly adopt the report of the Liaison Committee of the Apportionment of Annual Operating Budget among committees for the financial year 2024 – 2025. Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg Hon. Silapia to second the motion.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 201 2B, the Liaison Committee is mandated to deliberate on and apportion of the annual operating budget among committees. The committee held its sittings on Monday 12th August 2024 where it unanimously resolved to retreat to Nakuru from Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Saturday 7th September 2024 to interrogate each committee's work plans and further apportion budgets for the committees.

During the retreat, the chairpersons presented their work plans for the financial year 2024 – 2025 and defended the estimates therein. The Liaison Committee thereafter embarked on apportionment exercise. This report therefore is on the apportionment of the annual operating budget among committees for the financial year 2024-2025 in accordance with the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker and honorable members, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, I wish to thank the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk for the support accorded to this committee during the processing of this report. I also wish to thank the members of this committee for their tolerance and objectivism in the entire process and not forgetting the committee secretariat for their immense support during the production of this report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the committee to table this report by the Liaison Committee on the Apportionment of Annual Operating Budget among committees for the financial year 2024-2025 and recommend the same to this house for consideration and subsequent adoption.

While carrying out this exercise, the committee was guided by the following statutory instruments:

1. Constitution of Kenya 2010.
2. Samburu County Assembly Standing Orders.
3. House committee work plan.

Hon. Members, Liaison Committee is established through the provision of Standing Order number 201 of the Samburu County Assembly Standing Orders, which provides that:

1. There shall be a select committee to be known as the liaison committee which shall consist of the chairperson, chairpersons of all the other committees of the county assembly. The liaison committee shall:
 - a) Guide and coordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all committees.
 - b) Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budgets among the committees.
 - c) Consider the programs of all committees including their needs to travel and sit away from the precincts of the county assembly.
 - d) Ensure that the committees submit reports as required by this standing order.
 - e) Determine whether necessary the committee or committees to deliberate on any matter.
 - f) Give such advice relating to the work and mandate of the select committee as it may consider necessary.
2. The Liaison committee shall consider reports compiled by other committees which report have not been deliberated by the county assembly and shall report to the county assembly on the consideration of the report.

Mr. Speaker on membership of the committee, based on the report by the selection committee on the constitution of the house committee that was adapted for the formation of the committee on selection adapted by the house on September 2022 and in line with standing order number 201,

1. The liaison committee is constituted as follows;
2. Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson – Chair.
3. Hon. Lenamarle Stephen - The Speaker.
4. Hon. Lealmusia Ali – Member.
5. Hon. Lolosoli Rebecca – Member.

6. Hon. Leleruk James – Member.
7. Hon. Loloju Joseph – Member.
8. Hon. Lenamparasio Kaunda – Member.
9. Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah – Member.
10. Hon. Lemartile Francis – Member.
11. Hon. Lekuchula David – Member.
12. Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence – Member.
13. Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah – Member.
14. Hon. Lemartile Francis – Member.
15. Hon. Lekuchula David – Member.
16. Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence – Member.
17. Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin – Member.
18. Hon. Leerte Patrick – Member.
19. Lenanguram James – Member.
20. Lentukunye Christopher – Member.
21. Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia – Member.

Committee secretariat:

1. Mr. Lekupe Simon – Director, Legal and Procedural.
2. Mr. Lekupanai Leleok – PCA
3. Mr. Lekalesoi Philip – PCA
4. Mr. Joseph Lesiai – Researcher.
5. Ms. Naanyu Pascalina Letipila – Legal.
6. Mr. Lenkupae Augustine – Sergeant-at-arms.

Thank you Hon. Speaker. I will not read Chapter 2. I will go to Chapter 3 on apportionment of the budget. Hon. Speaker and Honorable members, in determining the criteria to be adapted in appropriating the budget the committee considered the population of each committee as pertaining the membership, its mandate and any other statutory obligations as conferred by law

for this financial year 2024-2025 the total budget allocated for committee operations is Kshs. 23,076,000. This amount as approved in the budget is hereby shared as follows:

Formulation for allocation of funds to committees.

We have two committees one sectoral committees which are ten in number shared amount will be 58% which totals to allocation of 13, 440,000.

Select committees which are six in number will share 42% of the allocation which will be Kshs. 9, 636,000, totaling to Kshs. 23,076,000.

Chairperson, Liaison Committee, (Hon. Lemartile Francis):... Mr. Speaker and all Members, having considered all factors as indicated above, below is the approved budget for all Committees as approved by the Liaison Committee:

1. Budget and Appropriation Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 2,240,000
2. Liaison Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 2,464,000
3. Public Investment and Accounts Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 2,020,000
4. Public, Medical Services and Sanitation Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
5. Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary services, Irrigation and Fisheries Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
6. Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
7. Roads and Public Works Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
8. Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
9. Education and Vocational Training Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
10. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT Committee, budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
11. Cooperative, Trade and Tourism Committee, budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,00
12. Implementation Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 672,000
13. Labour, Justice, Social and Legal Affairs Committee; budget approves is Kshs. 1,344,000
14. Delegated County Legislation Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 1,344,000
15. Procedure and Rules Committee; budget approved is Kshs. 896,000

Total to Kshs. 23,076,000.

Hon. Speaker and Members, all said and done, upon deliberation and agreement of its members, the Committee therefore recommends the following:

1. **THAT**, all request of the Committee trips and retreats will be henceforth be addressed to Liaison Committee through its Chairperson who will there after forward the same to the office of the Clerk. The request should include a list of participants and the total amount expected to be spent.
2. **THAT**, Liaison Committee shall obtain a list of all County Assembly secretariat and will then include at most five individuals for both sectoral and select Committee to each Committee retreat on rotation basis and ensure all members of the staff get equal opportunity.
3. **THAT**, the Liaison Committee shall keep a copy of the request for the purpose of reference, records and keeping track of each Committee's expenditure and balances.
4. **THAT**, after the addition in 2 above, a copy of the new list shall be communicated to the respective Committee's clerk to enable them to keep updated records of their Committee's expenditure and track of the Committee's balances.
5. **THAT**, the Committee should focus on prioritizing core mandates and reduce none essential tasks to enable them maximize on their budgetary allocation.
6. All committees should submit their half yearly progress report to the Liaison Committee on a day not less than 1St January for the periods ended 31St December and not later than 30th July for the period ended 30th June
7. The Liaison Committee to be retreating all the quarterly reports submitted by the House Committee in order to review their performance vice-vercer the budget absorption
8. House Committee should submit their work plans to the Liaison Committee not later than 20th July of every Financial Year after which the Liaison Committee will harmonize them in preparation of apportionment of the Committee's annual operational budget for the Financial Year
9. **THAT**, the work plans should be henceforth include a statement of the expenditure of each Committee's budget for the previous year save for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is my humble request that this House approves this report by the Liaison Committee on the Apportionment of the Annual Operating Budget Among

Committees for the Financial Year 2024/ 2025. I call upon all Hon. Members to support the report and approve, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): I propose **THAT**, pursuant to provision of Standing Orders No. 201 (2) (b), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Liaison Committee on the Apportionment of the Annual Operating Budget Among Committees for the Financial Year 2024/ 2025.

Members are free to give their inputs, Hon. Lorunyei

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the report on the annual operation budget among the Committees for the year 2024/2025.

Mr. Speaker, it seems we are now facilitated and the facilitated works now need to be done, there will be no excuses that we are not functioning and practicing our mandate. Aware that the core mandate of this Honourable House is representation, oversight and legislation. Any intent that comes to this House comes from those that we represent and it comes through Committees.

Mr. Speaker, we have been complaining but now that we are facilitated, who will be complaining anymore? The Chairpersons are the vote heads of every Committee, it is a high time we show that we are the representative of the people, we are equal to the task and we are very active, Mr. Speaker I support the report.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also rise to support the report as it is and also appreciate the Committee on Liaison for the good report they brought to this House Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know the report will enhance smooth running of the Committee since we have divided the money for all sectoral and select Committees. I know that the Hon Members will no longer complain for facilitation. I encourage the Hon. Members to carry their duties well as Hon. Lorunyei said; we have some laxity in carrying our representation as you can see the House is almost empty. Now that the Committees have money to do their oversight role then I think the we will be in a good position as a Hon. House of this County.

Hon. Speaker, I appreciate the Committee on Liaison because are some Committees that have so many activities for example the Committee on Budget and the Budget normally has a circle. We

have the Annual Development Plan, The Fiscal Strategy Paper, The Budget and others carried by the Committee and that is why we have a slightly high amount allocate to the Committee and the Committee on Public Accounts and Public Investments.

The Committee on Public Accounts and Public Investment has almost 19 reports that are not yet tabled on the floor of this House, as we go on let us support the Committee on Public Accounts and Public Investment to see to it that those reports are tabled in this House, thank you Hon. Speaker

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante Bw. Spika, nikiwa nimeketi chini nimeona Mungu ametukumbuka, ningependa kushukuru kamati ya Liason kwa kukubali kubebe msalaba wao, tuliona kama kamati ya Liason mmelala kidogo, tumeona miaka miwili imeisha kwa hivyo tunashukuru mungu mmeamka.

Ninaunga mkono ripoti hii ya kamati ya Liason kwa sababu nimenagalia kamati zote ni kama mmeangalia vizuri hakuna ile ambayo mmebagua na ningeomba Bw. Spika nafikiri wakati tulikuwa tumeapishwa hapa, kila mtu aliinua bibilia na kusema atafanya kazi na si vizuri ukiwa kamati alafu iwe hakuna kazi unafanya, inasemekana tena hamna pesa na tunaskia pesa nyingi ikisemekana billioni za pesa ziko na hamna mambo yanayoendelea.

Ningeomba Bw. Spika ninashukuru kamati ya Liason mefanya kazi nzuri. Ninafikiri sasa kamati sasa watamka kufanya kazi zao kwa sababu wengi hawakuwa wanafanya kwa sababu wanasemekana pesa hakuna kila wakati, kwa hivyo Bw. Spika nafikiri pesa ziko si kwa karatasi tu, isiwe ni kwa karatasi pekee kamati wakianza zamu zao za kwenda kazi inasemekana pesa hakuna.

Ningeomba kamati wafanye kazi zao na pia pesa zao iwe. Ninaomba pia Mungu atuwezeshe kwa kuwa ni Yeye ndiye anayetuongoza, tujaribu na tunasema asante kwa kamati ya Liason hamjabagua mmefanya kazi yenu na kuna ripoti nyingi jinsi ambavyo Mheshimiwa Silapia amesema, kwa hiyo PICK and PACK na ripoti nyingi ambayo haijawahifanyika na inasemekana tu ni pesa hakuna, tunashindwa pesa katika bunge hili zimepotelea wapi? Kwa hivyo, mimi ninaunga mkono asante.

Chairperson Liaison Committee, (Hon. Leleruk James): thank you Mr. Speaker I rise also to support and to thank you as the chair of the Liaison committee for the good work that you have

tried and you have done in a good manner, something to note and we must accept that resources are not enough but the little resources that we have got you have equally distributed to all Committees, so I believe no member will say that his Committee has not been given something and Mr. Speaker, I would like also to raise a concern and to urge you as Liaison chair that it is now your time to go and lobby for other resources because I know not so much as we can do.

However much that we want to do our work because some Committees has so much volume of work that need to be undertaken and we need to take our work seriously. We need to pass Bills, we need to do some oversight so that we people represent, and we will not be asked why we have not done so and also for seen things and that is the reason why I am urging you I know that you are able with the guidance of the Speaker that as an assembly we need to partner with these other partners that can help us do our work effectively, diligently and bring enough reports to the House.

I would also like to thank you because if this Committee passes, I think there is no Member that will go to any trip without the approval of the Liaison Committee, and I think that is in order because Mr. Speaker sometimes you see the whole House, some urgent matters need to be addressed and when the Members are not allowed nothing will go on and we need to break the barriers. I need to urge Hon. Members to come to this House just to do three roles, representation, legislation and oversight. If we do not do it then the community members who have sent us to the Samburu County population will not be happy with us.

Mr. Speaker I support the report and I urge every member to see what Liaison committee has done and in case you have any query I think this is our first time and it is a commendable job, You have seen we have done something that you can represent the whole members. I would like to urge Members that when you are in a Committee, know that you are representing the whole Samburu County you are not representing yourself.

We are not defending that the committee that I am in charge that I want it to do everything. To the committee of PICK and PACK the burden is in your court now, I know the budget is limited, and that is why I am requesting that as an assembly we need to partners the same as how others county governments doing. As an Assembly we need to make that recommendation, and urge to work with other partners because they have helped us in so many ways, so if we can partner with

some things here I think the work will be okay, thank you Mr. Speaker and I must say you have done a good job.

Deputy Speaker , (Hon. Lelengeju Jackson): Before Hon. Leerte, I want to welcome the members who arrived late Hon. Dube, Hon. Loloju, Hon. Silapia, and Hon. Ali we are discussing on the report of Liaison Committee so you can have your copies and catch up with the other Members, Hon. Leerte proceed.

MCA, Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Asante Bwana Spika mimi pia ninaweka sauti yangu jinsi hawa waheshimiwa walivyosema, Bwana Spika ninaunga mkono kwa sababu gani? Kwa sababu wamekuwa wakileta Statements hapa na ikawa saa zingine zile zinatoka kwa Departments Members hawaridhiki, kwa hivyo kwa waheshimiwa hii kidogo ambayo imepatikana sioni sababu ya waheshimiwa wasifike pahali ambapo wanapotakiwa wafike waangalie kama iko hivyo na awalete ripoti ambayo ni ya ukweli kwa kuwa ile tunapata ni ya executive na saa zingine tunasema haitoshi.

Kwa hivyo, ningeomba Waheshimiwa hata kama pesa ni kidogo tuweze kutumia kuweza kufanya kazi ile ambayo Bunge hili limetengea. Wakati tunaenda kwa ziara hizo tuweze kuhakikisha kuwa ripoti ambazo tunaleta ni ripoti za kweli na zinakubalika, kwa hivyo, Bw. Spika ninaunga mkono, asante.

MCA, Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): thank you so much Mr. Speaker, for giving you this opportunity to contribute this good Motion. First of all let me take this opportunity to thank the Liaison Committee headed by you to be specific as a chair and all Members of Liaison Committee, the Office of the Clerk and the Office of the Clerk for approving this apportionment.

It should be noted that a number of times in this House we have been having some issues among ourselves as Committees with some Members claiming that there are some Committees that are going for meetings or oversight frequently than others, it is now very evident that the Committee has its shares whether big or small and I do not think we should have any complain now, the chairperson, the Committee members, to be active. Mr. Speaker I just urge this House that we be active within our Committees so that we do the oversight.

Despite the fact that the allocation is small but it is good that it is for a start. I think this is because of Liaison Members who went to Meru and Laikipia that we are having this

apportionment right now this thing could have been in the first year but nevertheless, as we start it now all things I hope will go right on implementation I just urge you Mr. Speaker as the chairperson of Liaison Committee, to make sure that the implementation should be done as per it is in the paper.

I also ask the Hon. Chairs that each and every activity that you may do from the recommendations here we will all be having some approval from the Liaison chair so that we can account to every other coin that we spend here. We want value for money and at the end of the day our people will be the great beneficiaries so with that Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support this Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Bw. Spika ja,mbo la kwanza ninashukuru kunipa nafasi, Ya pili ninaunga mkono jinsi kamati ya Liaison imeamua. Ninashukuru sana wale wameketi katika kamati hili kwa uamuzi nzuri kama hiyo. Mimi nimekuwa hapa miaka kumi na miwili, sijawahi ona kitu kama hiyo. Jambo la kwanza nawavulia kofia. La pili, jinsi waheshimiwa wamesema hapa isiwe jina tu ama ya karatasi pekee. Kwa sababu, kikapu hii moja ilitumaliza sisi, imetuweka chini. Kikapu hii sijui kama imetoboka chini inaenda tu,sijui kama wa mwisho anakula lakini kwa leo tumegundua kikapu hii isiwe moja.

Tunataka Bw. Spika kama wewe Liason chair tuwe makini ile kitu tuliandika hapa, ile kitu umeletewa ripoti hapa iwe ya kweli Bw. Spika. Iko kitu kimoja nime sana kwa kamati hii ya Liason, wakati wa kuamua tukasema watu wakienda kuzuru nje, tukaamua kutengeneza karatasi ya kuweka kwa kikapu, kwa sababu ikija bahati yangu ninangoja,ikija mbele ninashukuru mungu. Hii ni mzuri kabisa, sisi kama nyumba hii truwe kimoja tufanye kitu kama hiyo. Fahali wawili wakipigana nyasi huumia. Hatuoni nje labda simba anatukujia na sisi hatujui, maneno haya yanatuleta pamoja kwa sababu kupigana kwetu ni ya njaa tu, inatufanya sisi tupigane, Bw. Spika. Ninashukuru maneno hayo umeyafanya yaendele, ninakupongeza wewe kama mwenyekiti na Members.

Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelengeju Jackson): Hon. Members having heard the contributions of the Members,I now put to Question that pursuant to the partitions of Standing Order No. 201(b) County Assembly adopts the report of the Liaison Committee on the apportionment of Annual Operating Budget among Committees for FY 2024-225.

(Question Put and Passed)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the time being 30 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no any other business, this assembly now adjourns until Wednesday, 18th of September 2024 at 9:00 a.m.