

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

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Assembly Building

The House Met at 1:00 pm

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): in the Chair].

PRAYERS

BILL(S)

Second Reading

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.2) OF 2024

(By Leave of the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honourable Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the House, I wish to request this House to do the Second Reading of this Bill. When I look at this Bill before the floor of the House, I would wish that we do allow the County Treasury to request and apply the Revenue Funds towards supply granted towards services of the year ending on 30th June 2025, the sum of Kshs 19 218 597 169. This sum will be dimmed to be appropriate from the 1st of July 2024 for the service and purposes specified in the Schedule.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the sum granted by Section 2, the sum specified in the fourth column of the first and Second Schedules shall be applied for the several services and purposes for the second column of those Schedules out of revenue directed.

Mr. Speaker, for us to be able to pay our workers from the 1st of July, for us to be able to start operationalising the hospitals that have not been operationalised, for us to receive the grants from the World Bank, Kenya Strategy Support Program (KSSP), I wish to have this Bill be Read a Second Time. For us to be able to pay our Doctors, to pay our Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) Teachers, for us to enable this Assembly to run I wish to have this Bill be Read

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a Second Time because as of 30th of June this year, the old Budget will come to its culmination and hence, we need a Budget that will run the County to the year 30th June 2025.

Mr. Speaker, in this Bill, we have seen allocations that will favour the citizens of this Nation and the Citizens of this County, among them Members who have seen that we have set aside Stadiums. For instance in Lakeview Ward in Naivasha, in London Ward, and Njoro Ward, we have Stadiums that are rising, that will help the Gen-Zs in this Nation excise properly their energy and we shall nature their talents.

Mr. Speaker, we have Markets where we shall be having members of the young group in the Nation interact with ICT Hubs. For the Sub-Counties that have new Municipalities like Molo and Gilgil, for them to at least taste the money that comes with Municipality status. I wish to have a Second Reading of this Bill, and I would request Hon. Deputy Speaker to second as a Member of the Committee on Budget.

Hon. Joseph Ngware: Thank you Honorable Chair, I want to take this opportunity to second the Bill and add that I am happy that for the first time, the Municipal of Molo will be seen now to be working or delivering services to the people of Molo, now that it has been allocated money through this Budget. So I take this opportunity to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Deputy Speaker for seconding. The Motion is open for debate. The Honorable Minority Leader.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. You will pardon me, I found myself seated here and I did not have time to cross the other side so kindly allow me to deliberate from here.

Mr. Speaker, reading the mood of the House, and now that we have had a lengthy discussion since morning hours, the Members if you look at them, they are of the idea that you put the question. We have no objection that this Bill goes for Second Reading and like the Chair has said, it is true we need to have all operations of the Budget taking place. I was sharing with the Chairperson for Roads here that we are putting pressure on him that we need this Budget to go on, we need this Budget to pass, and we need to go through all the stages so that our roads will be done on time before the onset of the rains. Thank you.

The speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There were Members who had requested to contribute so we are going to start with Honorable Doreen and Honorable Member for Nakuru East in that order.

Hon. Doreen Korir: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was standing to second the sentiments of our Minority Leader that reading the mood of the House, I would humbly request we move to Second Reading. Thank you.

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The speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Member for Nakuru East.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I can hear that my mood has been read, and I just want to say one thing which has been a concern to me. We had the Maai Mahiu Disaster and when the Chairperson brought the Report, I was amazed to see that the Department of Disaster Management had no money put into mitigating unforeseen disasters. There was no money there but I realised that there was Kshs 70 Million that was given to the Office of the Governor for the Executive Emergency Fund. My proposal is, if we have a Department of Disaster Management, it is to capacity-build that Department. That is my take. I had a lot of issues that I could have brought but since the mood has been read let me just swim with the mood.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Members I want to put it to question.

(Question proposed that the Nakuru County Appropriations Bill (No.2) of 2024 be now Read a Second Time.)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was Read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole today by the leave of the House).

(Then)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Order for Committee read)

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) Left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha) took the Chair]

APPROPRIATION BILL (No.2) of 2024

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Honorable Members, we are now at the Committee of the Whole House guided by Standing Order 126 to consider the Nakuru County Appropriation Bill No.2 of 2024 and we start with Clause 3

Clause 3:

(Question proposed that Clause 3 be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

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Clause 4:

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Honorable Members, I propose that Clause 4 be part of the Bill

(Question proposed that clause 4 be part of the Bill).

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Madam Chairperson, so that we are on the same page I can see for the benefit of myself and Members like Hon. Francis Kuria and Hon. Chemutai, we are trying to follow. Do we have copies of the Clauses here? Are they on our tablets?

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): It is on the tablet.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Madam Chairperson, it is always a tradition of this House for a Member to stand when addressing the Chairperson. I also want to inform the Member that you are not the Speaker but the Chairperson of the session and she should be standing when addressing you. Otherwise, it will be deemed disrespectful to the Chairperson. I know she comes from where I come from and she understands the authority of this House and also the authority of the Mace. Kindly inform her.

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Thank you Madam Chairperson. I am fully informed but for the benefit of the House I know Hon. Mwaura had not spoken. I know he feels like he is the best thing that happened to this Country after the sliced bread. Thank you Hon. "*Jirani*" and I stand guided.

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): As guided by Hon. Mercy, kindly find the Bill in the tablet. Please. Hon. Mercy the procedure is Standing Order No. 126 as I indicated. I hope we are now on the same page.

First Schedule

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon. Members, I propose that the First Schedule be part of the Bill. Mover.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Madam Chairperson, I would like to ask the House to amend it as indicated on the Order Paper.

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Thank you. Yes

Hon. Jane Gituku: Madam Chairperson, I would request if it is under this Sitting, there is an amendment that was very recent on Road Allocation for Maiella Ward that is to be included in the Appropriation Bill. We have shifted Kshs 4 Million from Water to Roads from Maiella.

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The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): The Chairperson Budget, kindly responds to her concern.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you very much Madam Chairperson. On the concern of the Hon. Member and as per the Bill rules, if at all you had done it in writing before this Sitting then it will be effected. If not, you will do it on Supplementary, the first week of September. Thank you.

Hon. Jane Gituku: Madam Chairperson let me respond. We did it like three, four days ago so I just wanted to notify the House. We have already done so I believe it will be included.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you very much Chairperson. Any Notice that we had been given as a Committee within the last 48 hours all of them have been effected.

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Members we can proceed.

First Schedule

(Question proposed that the First Schedule as amended be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

Second Schedule

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Mover

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Hon. Chair I wish to move that the Second Schedule be amended as indicated on the Order Paper

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Thank you; Hon. Members I propose the question.

(Question proposed that the Second Schedule be amended as proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clause 2

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon Members

(Question proposed that Clause 2 be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Long Title

(Question proposed that the Long Title be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

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Clause 1

(Question proposed that Clause 1 be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon. Members we are now at the stage of the report of the Committee of the Whole; Mover.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of the Nakuru Appropriation Bill (No.2) of 2024 and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Thank you Chair; Hon. Members I will put the question which is that: -

(Question proposed that the Committee do report to the House its consideration of Nakuru County Appropriation Bill (No.2) of 2024 and its approval thereof with amendments)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House Resumed)

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) resumes the Chair]

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Chairperson

Chairperson (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon. Speaker I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered Nakuru County Bill (No.2) of 2024 and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mover.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said Report. I will ask Hon. Njuguna from Elburgon to second.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): I will propose the question which is that: -

(Question proposed that the House do agree with the Committee in the said Report)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mover.

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Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Nakuru County Appropriation Bill (No.2) of 2024 be read now a Third Time. I ask Hon. Wa Mwathi to second.

Hon. Grace Mwathi: Thank Mr. Speaker sir, I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Member who goes by the name Wa Mwathi in this House? The Hon. Grace Mwathi; I will propose the question which is that: -

(Question proposed that the Nakuru County Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 2024 be now read a Third Time.)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Nakuru County Appropriation Bill (No.2) of 2024 was subsequently read a Third Time.)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, Honorable Members, the Appropriation Bill of the Budget is now passed. We will take it to Her Excellency the Governor for Her assent. Thank you for your active participation in that process. Thank you again.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Members this House is adjourned to 2.30 pm this afternoon.

(The House rose at 1.30 pm)