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[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(The clerk-at-the table confirms that there is no quorum)

Speaker: Quorum having not been recognized, I invoke the provisions of Standing Order No. 34 and direct that the quorum bell be rung for ten minutes or until such a time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

(Quorum bell is rung for one minute and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the table)

Quorum having been achieved, let us proceed with the business of this afternoon.
First order.

MOTION

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16

Very well, Member for Charagita and Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Irrigation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Paul Kiruka Mburu.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity so that I can move the following motion:

THAT this House does adopt the Report of the Water, Irrigation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on Departmental Budget Implementation for FY 2015/16 as a report of this House.

Mr Speaker, I would like to take all the members through this report so that we can adopt it. I will go directly to the composition of the committee. We have seven Hon. Members who make up the committee and the secretariat composed of Gladys Karuiru and Daniel Kamau.

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Mr Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Water, Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources derives its mandate from Standing Order number 191 (5), which confers the Sectoral Committees with the responsibilities indicated in the report from (a) to (c)

In exercising of its mandate, the committee requested to be supplied with the report on implementation status of the FY2015/2016 funded projects which was delivered. The Committee further invited the CEC member and the Chief Officer in the department of Water, Irrigation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Article 185 of the Constitution. The CEC member delegated the duty to the Chief Officer who appeared before the committee and responded to the issues raised by the committee.

Mr Speaker, during our meetings, the committee members wanted to know the level of implementation of all projects that have been undertaken using the funds that were allocated to this particular department. This was in an attempt to ensure that the funds allocated to this department are used according to the budget.

Mr Speaker, I will take the House to the acknowledgement. The Committee on Water, Irrigation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources is grateful to you and all the Hon. Members of this Honourable House for the support granted while executing its mandate.

I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank my fellow Committee Members who made time to attend the report compilation exercise despite their busy schedules. The Committee is also grateful to Office of the Clerk for facilitating and providing technical support to the Committee during its committee sittings and during the report writing exercise.

Finally, Mr Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Members of the Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's Report on Departmental Budget Implementation for the FY2015/2016 whose recommendations we hope will be adopted as a resolution of the House.

I will now take the Members to the introductory part of the report. The roles played by the committee are explicit. They are:

- i. Environment policy management
- ii. Water resources and sewerage service policy management
- iii. Enforcement of waste management policies, standards and regulations
- iv. Water catchment and conservation, control and protection.
- v. Borehole site identification and drilling
- vi. Waste treatment and disposal
- vii. Energy regulation security and conservation.

Mr Speaker, those are the roles of the committee. In Nyandarua County, the department on Water, Irrigation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources has been allocated a sizeable proportion of the County funds in the past years which has impacted positively on the lives of the citizens.

I now want to go directly to the findings, because when we received the list of all projects, our main aim was to know the projects that have been completed. Although we did not make site visits to confirm it, we were given a list of the complete projects. We have made a recommendation that the MCAs representing areas where these projects are purported to have been completed should make a comment when we move the report.

The complete projects are:

- ❖ Purchase of Exhauster truck - Nyandarua County Government
- ❖ Construction of Micharage Water tank
- ❖ Intake of Nyakinyua water project
- ❖ Completion of Shauri borehole

- ❖ Completion of Manyatta water project
- ❖ Completion of Kariko water project
- ❖ Completion of Waithaka Dam
- ❖ Designing of water master plan
- ❖ Completion of Faru water project
- ❖ Construction of Nyakio-Wachira water tank
- ❖ Rehabilitation of Heni borehole
- ❖ Construction of High level tank - Githabai
- ❖ Construction of Reservoir tank - Githabai ward
- ❖ Delivery of pipes – Githabai ward
- ❖ Construction of Makumbi water tank
- ❖ Construction of Geta water tank
- ❖ Construction of Kiambogo water tank
- ❖ Construction of Kamuhu water intake
- ❖ Completion of Kianjogu water hydram
- ❖ Delivery of water tanks
- ❖ Completion of Kihuha water project
- ❖ Completion of Njibiri spring piping
- ❖ Completion of pipes at Mung'etho

Mr Speaker, the committee further noted that most of the incomplete water projects resulted from insufficient funding.

The committee was furnished with a list of the projects that have not yet started and therefore, they are not benefitting our people. They are:

- ❖ Ndemi water project
- ❖ Mathathi water project
- ❖ Ngano water project
- ❖ Mawingo Kaaga water project
- ❖ Gathanji water project

Mr Speaker, on environmental conservation, the committee observed that:

- ❖ Green energy (Engineer) was the only complete project according to the documents that the committee received.
- ❖ Two projects (Purchase of tree seedlings & street lighting around new Governor's office and assembly office) were not complete due to insufficient funding.

Mr Speaker, they said that the funds that were allocated to undertake these projects were inadequate. The committee also observed:

- ❖ That two projects (purchase of tree seedlings & Githungu transformer) had not yet started due to delay in receiving of funds.

Mr Speaker, one member of this House had budgeted for one transformer in Githungu and the transformer had not been procured because of the delays in receiving of funds. You can see that there are so many projects that have not yet been completed or started although we have put a budget on them. Their petition was that during the budget-making process, we should allocate sufficient funds to complete a specific project.

Some of the findings were that majority of the projects are labelled incomplete notwithstanding the sum allocated to the said projects. The funds allocated to the incomplete projects were done regardless of the total cost of the main project leading to incomplete projects. Technical persons involved in their implementation were not consulted while apportioning the funds to advice on the amount needed to operationalize the projects. This probably, Mr Speaker, arises when the Members are prioritizing the projects to be undertaken in their wards. They cite the amount that would complete such a project. However, the amount is slashed by almost half before it is brought to this Assembly for approval. For instance, if the project was projected to cost around Ksh.3 million, you find they are only allocating Ksh.1.5 million. This is a persistent problem and it is important that we be allocating funds that are enough for certain projects so that our people can reap the benefits from such projects.

Mr Speaker, that the budgetary allocations were not guided by the Engineer's estimates or Bills of Quantities (BQs). We need these people to be utilized because they are receiving salaries to do exactly that. They ought to be used so that they can provide accurate and reliable information. The Committee also noted that the CIDP was not followed and I think the document was created in order to guide development in this County.

The committee did not ascertain, on the ground, the existence and completion of the listed projects due to time constraint and area MCAs need to affirm that the completed projects are operational as stated in the report. We received a list and asked the relevant MCAs to make sure the projects are operational. We also noted that it is necessary for the Governor to commission the complete water projects so that the citizens can start using the Water and benefit from the said projects. The purpose here is to help the people and make sure the people are benefiting from it and it is the mandate of the executive to make sure these projects are helping our people.

Mr Speaker, Sir, it was also noted that the funds allocated for rehabilitation and desilting the community dams was gradually being reduced in the budgets yet some of the dams need repairing, breached sections of the embankments, providing water draw-off points cattle troughs, fencing and planting of trees for water conservation.

You know right now in our country we are suffering because of the long drought and it is high time that the members and the county get to have water for the people of Nyandarua. It is not good that we supply water and yet our people are suffering. My committee and I were in Kaimbaga ward and the people are suffering for lack of water yet we have a tank there and even electricity and the county government used four hundred thousand to pay the electricity and there is no water.

Mr Speaker, we also have the energy sector and it has not been given the attention it deserves and that the department ought to plan seriously for all the components making up the department. We also realized that using electricity alone to pump water, it is not reliable, we also need to have another source like the solar system and with this the community will need to pay only a hundred for maintenance since solar can last for up to twenty years. The county government needs to come up with this system since electricity is so costly.

Mr Speaker, the committee came up with the following recommendations after the aforementioned undertakings;

1. That no new projects are started in the coming year before the ongoing projects are Completed and operational.

It is not good to start a new project while the old ones are not completed. We should not go the 'mashinani' before completing this project and approving them in this financial year. People will not see the value of half projects, it is also a high time for the county government to come up with regulation on how a new project will not start before the old one is completed

2. That the completed water projects should be commissioned to serve their immediate purpose to the members of the public. We have so many projects since 2013 and I do not know if people are taking this water, and since we have used a lot of funds, let the community see this projects helping them.
3. That the MCAs should confirm the validity of the completion of water projects as indicated in the report and give their findings to the Committee. Mr. Speaker sir we did not manage to visit all the areas where projects are said to be complete we are thus urging the area MCA to check, we have a list of all the projects at the back of the report, in the event your project is said to be complete while it is not, please report to this committee so that we can visit the project and see.
4. That the newly purchased exhauster should be given regular service to ensure its timely use in the County and its Service charter be published at the sub-county offices to reach the prospective clients. We only have one purchased exhauster and I have been complaining about this exhauster. We need two or three exhausters in the county ,so it is a high time this department made sure the exhauster is serviced so that it can serve the people
5. That the future Projects to be funded over a period of more than a year should be so indicated to ensure they are factored in the coming year budget and hence ensure continuity and eventual completion of the planned projects. If there is a project of let's say 10 million, the projected should be budgeted for every year. We have so many incomplete projects because people come up with new projects every year and older ones remain incomplete
6. That the Department should ensure that the projects to be implemented are informed by the CIDP and their total costs established before the allocation of funds. Mr. Speaker in 2013, in each and every ward, we had the opinion leaders and they came up with a list of projects that they would like to see being implemented in their ward.

In my ward, we have seventy five opinion leaders and they recommended several projects. So the government through the CIDP, since it is mandatory, should implement the said projects and give the community their say. We are now in the electioneering time and when we go back to the people, they will ask about the projects they wanted and if anybody never followed what they said, I think they will see the consequences of that. Right now we may not have enough time to complete some because we have around two to three months to the nominations. But next time when we come, let the government implement what has been forwarded by the people; and just like it is required in the constitution through the public participation, the people can own the projects.

With all that, I now want to call upon Hon. Mwicigi to come and second. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, the County Member from Magumu Hon. Mwicigi Kahuhu.

Hon. Moses Mwicigi: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the report in the House and put emphasis about the commissioning of the completed projects. I think the completed projects should be commissioned as quickly as possible, I don't see why a completed project should not take so long to be commissioned, it should be commissioned for the people to benefit from the project. Like the Chair has said, and we observed that, most of the projects are 70 to 80 percent done and the reason given is lack of funds. Like the report recommends, these incomplete projects should be given emphasis and see to it that these projects are completed other than start new projects and leave these ones incomplete.

Again, emphasis should be given to the projects halfway done before the general election. The completion of the projects will give the members from the said ward something to show for the four years they have been in office. On the same, before we embark on any

projects, the total cost should be known when dealing with these projects so that we do not have projects that are half way done, so that when a project is to be implemented and we know how much it will cost, we can allocate enough funds for it. I now second the report in the House as tabled.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes, Member for Rurii, Hon. Peter Wahome Kamoche.

Hon. Peter Kamoche: Thank you Mr Speaker, I wish to support the report but with a humble request to the committee that it goes ahead and name the completed projects and where they are allocated so that we can avoid the contradicting statements like Gituamba is in Rurii, in Ndundori or anywhere else. When you go through the report, you will see Gituamba Water Project. I also have Gituamba Water Project which is about 80 percent complete but I see it is not in my ward.

With view of this Mr Speaker, I beg the House to allow the committee to revisit some projects because the other day I faced a very serious problem in Rurii where people were demonstrating. They were saying that the pump had been stolen and nobody had come to explain or quell the situation. They therefore rode on lorries and demonstrated all the way to Ol'kalou whereby they discussed and were given a chance to view the pump for themselves after the stores were open.

Mr. Speaker, if you go to that water project in Rurii, you will see that it is 80 percent complete and they are citing insufficient funds for it to be completed. In the case of Kirima Welfare Water Project, there is nothing much to talk about because we only have a pipe and a pump despite the indication that it has cost Ksh.4 Million. This has created problems for me.

As you peruse through the report further, it is indicated that Ksh.4.1 million for Kirima Water Project but we only have a pump with no electricity and nothing more. Therefore, the reality on the ground contradicts the report because they are saying it is 90 percent complete.

Mr Speaker, sometimes when people complain you get to see where they are coming from because if such a document is produced indicating that Ksh.4 Million has already been used on the project, it can be very serious.

I would wish that the committee on water calls all the members to help them classify the projects by ward. For instance, the report should indicate precisely which projects are complete and which are not. Recently, we had a problem with Maran Water Project, Githunguri Water Project and Gituamba Water Project.

Mr Speaker, we are getting a lot of criticism in the wards from the public when they say that we have only a water pump for a whole project yet the report, which is a public document, says the project is almost complete. Two years down the line, we don't have electricity which would cost only Ksh.40 thousand. The borehole has been sunk and water is there. This begs the question, why do we have to wait for two years without a pump? I think this should be addressed. I do not want to mention names but the seniors in that ministry are going out for political seats. The committee should assist us because if someone is vying for a political seat, I think, as a county, we are done. I support the report but it is important that we pay attention to this issue. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, Leader of Majority Party and Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this report by the committee on Water and commend them for a job that is well done although I have some issues with the report. What I find important in this county even as we speak now is the issue of the drought that has ravaged our county and the entire country. The rivers are drying up, which

calls for more funds to be put in this department because earlier on, we were giving more emphasis to roads. Time will come when we are done with roads after gravelling and making 'all-weather' roads. We need now to focus on how to give sustainable and enough water to our people, livestock and even irrigation.

The issue of the county and the country at large depending on solely on rain water is a serious concern because we need to think of how to do small scale irrigation so that we can sustain ourselves in terms of food and in effect, enhancing food security in the country. As aforementioned, there is a serious drought in this country and a lot of water has always gone to waste after both the short and long rains. Therefore, we should be able to think how to harness the water that is available. If more money can be allocated to this department, I am sure we can improve food security for this county and for this country. This is because this county depends on agriculture but this is a situation where agriculture is depending on the county. Thus, we are unable to add much food in the country's reserve.

Mr Speaker, I want to raise an issue with the Chairman and I am hopeful that he will respond to it. I thought that in the Financial Year under consideration, every ward had a water project. However, a closer look into this report indicates that some water projects were not highlighted. For example, we had some water projects in Murungaru ward and I would like to understand from the Chair whether a water project means that there is construction of tanks, dams, de-silting of dams because there were two projects in my ward namely, Turasha - Muhonia water project whereby there was provision of water to the people and 3M project was also meant to provide water pipes. Each of the project was worth Ksh.1.5 Million.

Mr Speaker, when a report comes to this House without the projects in my ward and the document reaches my people, they might be construed to mean that some members did not do anything in the water department especially now that we are in electioneering period. So, I want to understand from the Chairperson when he responds as to why some projects in Murungaru Ward were not captured in addition to the year under consideration. This was financial year 2015/16 and I am quite sure that my ward had Ksh.3 Million and both projects were provided with water pipes. Possibly, these are not the only projects that were not captured in the report. I suppose the report ought to have highlighted all the 25 wards and the projects being undertaken in each ward, but the way the report is, I think some projects have been omitted.

With those, I rise to support this report.

Speaker: Very well, County Member from Weru, Hon. David Mwangi Ndirangu.

Hon. David Ndirangu: Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to support this report although with a lot of reservations. This is because the report has indicated that some projects were completed which I find not to be true. Citing specifically, the report has purported that Kariko Water Project is complete. I think and actually, what I know about this project is that the project was done earlier before in previous years by the *wananchi*. However, the report is misleading when it alleges that the project was done by the County Government in full in the financial year 2015/2016. This is not correct and I think that the report ought to have indicated clearly what the county government did instead of just saying that Kariko Water Project was completed.

Mr. Speaker, you will find that in the second page of the annexures that Kariko Water Project was not allocated any amount. The report just indicates that the project is completed. If this documents sneaks into the world of politics...

Speaker: Kariko Water Project is on the third page of the annexures.

Hon. David Ndirangu: Correct, it is third page. Thank you for that correction. If this documents sneak into the world of politics, there will be total mayhem. We therefore need the chairperson to tell us what he means when he says that the Kariko Water Project is complete.

Mr Speaker you were not here, there was a confrontation yesterday and members were up in arms. They almost fought because of a water project. The two members were clashing because of water since they know how important water is to our people. I think this department needs to be given a lot of money to the extent that we would be able to generate hydroelectric power in our county. Our county is rich in water sources and we need to allocate a lot of money in the next financial year to be able to do a full project next year. With these remarks, I support.

Speaker: The Deputy Leader of Majority and Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I equally want to support this report and raise a few concerns that I found necessary to have go on record. I will confine myself to the findings of this committee located on page 10 of the report. You will notice that the committee members are saying about four or five projects were not started because there was delay in releasing the funds. This is very tricky because one needs to go another step. When one has not received money for more than a year down the line, when are this projects likely to receive funds because this is left hanging and when a report is left hanging it becomes very tricky. We have Demi water project, Mathaathi, Mawingu, Ngano, the committees observation is that the projects were not started for lack of funds. For me I think the chairman in his corresponding should come out very clearly about this projects to avoid problems.

Mr Speaker, I want to echo the words of the Majority Leader. We find what is written here as completed projects are really not completed. We have a case here of Kamuhu water project in Kipipiri, as much as one would want to say it is complete, it is not because the identification of the location was done during the rainy season and when the drought came, the spring is as dry as Kalahari desert. There is not a single drop. And we have sank around Ksh. 1.5 million to the project. That might not be the problem of the committee because I have an experience and we need to check. I have knowledge of that happening elsewhere. I think it is in Shamata. A case study where guys went and did a well only January to come and there was not a single drop of water and money has been used.

What do we do and we cannot just walk away on a problem. We may now want to harvest rain water when the rains come, because when money is sank and there is no water we need some mitigating factors to address the shortfall and this would mean doing a storage tank. Once the spring is flowing you fill the tank. In fact members will appreciate that in Nyandarua we have only two months that have critical water shortage in a year which is in January and February and this two months truly make our people poor because most livestock die around this time. This to me is important.

The issue that happened yesterday about the confusion of Kirima water project. Mr. Speaker, you thought Kirima water project was at Sofia in Wanjohi Ward. You were not daydreaming because there is a water project by the name Kirima in Wanjohi Ward. We said we should indicate specific projects for specific wards. If the ward in which Kianjogu water project, for example, is to be implemented is not indicated, then I would wish to know whether it is Kianjogu water project for Kipipiri or the one for Geta. Remember the people would see the project indicted in the report yet it is not being implemented due to lack of indication of its site. This issue of indicating the ward in which specific projects are to be implemented arose when we were discussing cattle dips.

The Committee should give a very strong recommendation to the Executive on installing water tanks throughout the county. We should recommend that the tanks be installed in primary schools grounds. If this is done, during dry seasons school children and neighbouring homestead would not face shortage of water. White settlers harnessed underground water by sinking boreholes in our county. This reminds me of the largest underground water reservoir that was discovered in Turkana County. The county government should rehabilitate the boreholes that were sunk by the white settlers. Of course it will come

with costs such as those of installing power. This would not take more than two months. In Kipipiri Ward I know of several boreholes that need to be rehabilitated. The county government should buy parcels of land on which boreholes for rehabilitation lie.

There is a project in my ward called Mijikenda which was allocated money in the last financial year. By now it ought to have been implemented. Even in terms of supply poor workmanship was done in the implementation of the said project. I have noted a challenge: we have been receiving so many PVC pipes but we have no way of identifying their classes. I received class B pipes which cannot withstand a pressure of above 12 PSR (Pressure State Response). They burst easily. Class C and D are the recommended types because they can sustain high pressures of water running down the hills. Who is the loser in this case? It is Wanjiku, who cannot know class B or C of the pipes. Class B pipe is the one that is used for the toilets because there is not much pressure.

Mr Speaker if this committee would find out the amount of money that we have used on the PVC pipes, its millions and millions of it. We are being conned because we cannot be able to tell the difference. They are all alike. This is an area that the committee will need to address so that we do not continue buying these PVC pipes which do not last for a long time.

Mr Speaker this is an eye opener. The committee has come up with a very good report. I call upon the mover to respond while capturing those critical things. If he has a problem he could refer to the Hansard and see our debate on what is really happening. There is a time that we almost had a physical confrontation just because of an omission. How can we say every time that we want these pipes identified properly then someone fails?

Certain members thought that the Kshs.3.8 million has been given to someone else. I would go back to the bible in the story of the two women each claiming that that child is hers. *Leta kisu tukate*. Some of the members were agreeing with it. If the child is killed you get nothing. Who is causing this? It is us because we are not doing what we are supposed to do. This many seem such a little thing but it can cost someone a seat. Hon. Gachari was sweating. I have never seen him sweat the way he did that day. Some ended up not even using parliamentary language and they were nearly thrown out. Mr Speaker when you were away some members lost their sitting allowances because of that. I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: Yes Majority Whip and Member for Shamata.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the motion by the committee on water. We may have so many roads constructed but during the rainy season they are damaged. We can connect pipes to home and be remembered. In our area we remember J. M Kariuki for starting water projects in 1969 and to date most of the water projects are referred to as J. M water. Even if he is dead his name is still remembered.

Mr Speaker we should concentrate and put more funds in providing water for the people. Some of the rivers in Nyandarua are seasonal but we have to make sure that people get clean domestic water.

Mr Speaker, there are dams that were left by the white men and there still there and they only thing they require is cleaning to remove the weeds. If we want to provide water to our people we should not forget these dams. We have several dams in my area but the challenge is, our livestock drinks from the very same dams. We need to give clean and safe water to the people of Nyandarua. We are lucky we have the Aberdare Ranges from where we can harvest water during the rainy season. Usually, the rainwater will only last a few weeks and then we do not even have a drop of water to quench our thirst. For these reasons, I support and call the mover to respond.

Speaker: Yes, mover and Member for Charagita, Hon. Kiruka Mburu.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr Speaker, I wish to thank the members for their concerns and contributions. However, I also wish to register my disappointment because before we proceeded to write this report, we requested all elected members to give us a list of all the

water projects in their wards but none of them responded. We have further requested them to provide this list in recommendation number 3 so we can clear the issues raised by the various members including the member for Kipipiri, Rurii and Murungaru. I humbly request any concerned member to appear before the committee so that we can iron out these issues. The committee is ready to visit those projects and ensure that they are being implemented appropriately. We are a very active committee and we always deliver; just today we were at Kaimbaga to follow up on a project that the Hon. Member sought a statement regarding. Actually, were it not for lack of finances, it would be good if every six months, the departmental committees, not just the Committee on Water, would be facilitated to go round the county inspecting their various projects.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The motion is taken and I believe the Chairperson has not closed the chapter on this particular interrogation of the implementation status of these projects and the issues that have been raised by the members. I really don't see the difficulty in indicating exactly where these projects are located because normally you will only find two or three projects per ward. Let the chairman liaise with the department officials so that whenever they are allocating funds for these projects, they can be categorical. If it is Kirima water project, it is important they indicate whether it is in Shamata or any other ward.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

Speaker: Hon. Members, before we look at the business on the supplementary order paper, here was an issue the member for Mirangine had raised and I wanted to give a formal communication on what happens should a member of the House seek a statement and the chair directs that it should be acted upon and a report brought to the House within 60 days but this does not happen. The 60 days come and go, 6 months come and go but no response has been given. How would the concerned member intervene? Should the member be allowed to raise that issue during the statement hour? Should the member write to the Liaison Committee? I will give the requisite directions but for the time being, I will allow the member for Mirangine to raise the issue.

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): Thank you Mr. Speaker, sometime last year around the months of September/October, I sought, from the chairman of roads, a statement regarding the roads in my ward that had been poorly done. The directions from the chair were that a statement should be brought within one month but the Chairman, and his committee have done absolutely nothing about it. The roads were poorly done and money was not prudently spent. A certain road only used ten small lorries of gravel yet it had been allocated over 1 million shillings...

Speaker: Member for Mirangine, you will be able to raise all those issues during the debate on the report that will be brought by the chair. What I will do now is direct the clerkship to do a communication to the chairman of roads and also have the House Business Committee allocate time so that he can give us a progressive report. We cannot be seeking statements in vain; we ask for statements because we are concerned.

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well. Let's proceed from where we had stopped.

NOTICE OF MOTION

VIREMENT OF KSHS.3894678 FROM KIRIMA WATER PROJECT TO WARUKIRA
WATER PROJECT

Speaker: Yes, Member for Murungaru and the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House does by resolution approve the virement of the Nyandarua County Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2016/2017 by re-allocating Kenya Shillings Three Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Eight (Kshs. 3,894,678) in the vote head of Kirima Water Project to Warukira Water project in Shamata Ward. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice.

Speaker: Very well notice for that particular motion is duly given and the House Business committee will give further directions.
Next order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Speaker: Yes Member for Murungaru and the Leader of the in the House, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT with the leave of the House, the Motion “THAT, this House does by resolution approve the virement of the Nyandarua County Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2016/2017 by re-allocating Kenya Shillings Three Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Eight (Kshs. 3,894,678) in the vote head of Kirima Water Project to Warukira Water project in Shamata Ward.” be exempted from the requirement of Article 46 (5) (b) of the Standing Orders which requires that a notice of motion to be given at least one (1) day before a Motion appears on the Order Paper.

This motion appeared on the order people yesterday but was withdrawn because an issue arose as to whether the Kirima Water Project being referred to is in Shamata, Wanjohi or Rurii ward. The Member for Rurii had alleged that this is a Rurii Water Project and we, therefore, had to retreat and consult with the department of water. We have since established that the water project in Rurii is not Kirima water project but Kirima Self Help Water Project Mr. Speaker. A consensus has been reached and that is why I am moving this procedural motion today. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I move and call upon Hon. David Ndirangu to second.

Speaker: Yes County Member from Weru, Hon. Hon. David Ndirangu

Hon. David Ndirangu (Weru): Thank you Mr. Speaker; this is a very important motion. Two members were up in arms yesterday but today, we are in the clear; that this is Warukira Water Project in Shamata. Let us give these people water. I second

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

VIREMENT OF KSHS.3894678 FROM KIRIMA WATER PROJECT TO WARUKIRA WATER PROJECT

Speaker: Yes Member for Murungaru and the Leader of the Majority in the House, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

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Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir, as I mentioned earlier, this motion was to be moved yesterday but had to be withdrawn to allow for the clarification of some issues. Thankfully, the Speaker allowed it to be brought back to the floor without subjecting it to the 5-months provision of the standing orders. It is important, at this juncture, to emphasize on the importance of us, as the Hon. Members to maintain honesty in the way we conduct ourselves in this Hon. House. The Member for Rurii knew that this project, the Kirima Water Project, is not in his ward because the one in his ward is the Kirima Self Help Project. I read mischief from the Hon. Member. It is not fair to deny the people of Shamata due to someone's dishonesty. Yesterday I was on the verge of responding, having moved this motion and because everything the Hon. Members said was captured in yesterday's Hansard, I will not dwell much on this but I will call the Member for Shamata to second.

Speaker: Very well, the Leader of Majority has reiterated all that he said yesterday as captured by the HANSARD of 1st February at 2.30 p.m. Proceed Member for Shamata and the majority whip, Hon. John Kinyanjui Gachari.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion. The people...

Speaker: Member for Shamata, kindly resume your seat, I am advised that the content that the Leader of Majority is reiterating is appearing in the Hansard of 1st February 2017 during the morning session. Proceed.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Today the people of Shamata will be very happy. There was a problem yesterday when Hon. Kamoche claimed that the said money belonged to a project in his ward. The project in his ward is named Kirima Self-Help Group and not Kirima Water Project. He has said here that the said project has spent about 90% of the Kshs. 4 million that was allocated to it.

Simbara and Warukira are the driest areas of Shamata. Those people do not get even rain water a day after rainfall. They fetch water from a dam in Simbara which is five to six kilometres from Warukira. We are drilling a borehole on hilly place and this water will flow by use of gravity to all the places that require water. When that borehole is done they will be happy and thank the leader of majority in this house because he is willing to solve this problem. He advised the members to go to the department of water so that they can see where the money that is being vired had been allocated. We went there and found out that the money had been allocated to Shamata.

This project's name was Kirima Water Project Shamata. During the defunct local authorities the name was changed to Kirima Water Project. This project was taken by the ministry of water in the then national government. It is now under the county government of Nyandarua. The people in Shamata have suffered because only a few of them would get water

from it. This borehole is going to serve so many in Shamata. Because of the time that the member's will take to contribute, I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: We cannot skip some procedures

(Question proposed)

Yes member for Kipipiri and the Deputy Leader of Majority Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as you have correctly put it members had contributed to this motion and the Leader of Majority was almost responding. The Hansard has captured the members that contributed to this motion. It is only that some procedures were overlooked and that is why we have gone to square one. The Hansard department will know what to do so that there will be flow. I support the motion and I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: Yes mover and the Leader of Majority and the member for Murungaru Hon Kariuki Muchiri

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to thank the members for supporting on this motion and especially member for Shamata who has articulated the need for this virement. With those few remarks I beg to move

(Question put and agreed to.)

Speaker: The consent of this House is given for that virement. I direct the clerkship that this resolution be ready on my desk by tomorrow morning because absorption of this money with the time remaining could be difficult. Next order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Yes, Member for Murungaru and the Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

That pursuant to articles 28 (3) and 51 (b) of the Standing Orders this House does resolve to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in the assembly calendar. Such normal sitting day being Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 2.30 pm and as such the House does stand adjourned to Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr Speaker, this is yet another very important motion and this has been occasioned by the business that is ahead of this House; considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper. This paper informs the budget estimates. I tabled the document in this Assembly for our consideration. The CFSP has its timelines and if we do not consider it fast, then it will be passed as it was submitted to the Assembly by the Executive. The sectoral committees need to peruse this document and give their recommendations. The full House needs to look at it too and then make the necessary recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Therefore Mr Speaker, it will be as it was resolved in the House Business Committee that the members will be looking at this document the whole of next week, Monday to Friday. It is important that we adjourn this House not to Tuesday next week but to Tuesday 14th February 2017.

Aware of the importance of this document that sets the ceilings of various government sectors, then we have a big task ahead of us. We need ample time to look at this document and

make the necessary adjustments so that it is favourable to the members of this County Assembly and to the people that we represent. With those many remarks, I call upon Hon. David Ndirangu Mwangi to second the motion.

Speaker: Very well. County Member from Weru Hon. David Mwangi Ndirangu.

(The member bows in secondment.)

(Question proposed.)

The Deputy Leader of Majority and the Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker, I support this motion. It is a housekeeping motion and it is in order to have it so that the House cannot be challenged for not following the procedure. I support and call the mover to respond.

Speaker: The Motion Mover (the Leader of Majority) and Member for Murungaru Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members for supporting this very important motion that this House does adjourn to 14th February 2017. I beg to move.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The House will adjourn to Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 2.30 pm. It is very critical that all the Hon. Members purpose to attend the evaluation, interrogation and action on the county fiscal strategy paper. It is a very critical document because it informs all the aspects of the budget making process.

The venue of the meeting shall be communicated shortly. Definitely before the close of business today so that you are able to prepare adequately. I urge the chairperson of the committees to work very closely with their committee clerks so that they are able to work some details before we converge to work on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

(Hon. Michael Kirumba rises)

What is it member for Kipipiri?

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker, I would like to draw your attention to Standing Order No. 28. I do not think that a question was to be put.

(The Speaker consults with the Clerk-At-The-Table)

Speaker: The procedure we have followed is the correct one but it is good that we continue firming our positions. Hon. Members from the resolution in that particular motion the House will adjourn to Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 3.10 p.m.)