

**KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

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*(The House met at 3.00 p.m.)*

*[The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai):** All right, good afternoon Honourable Members and welcome to our afternoon session of Wednesday, 26th June, 2024. Clerk, Order of Business!

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR POSITIONS OF CHIEF OFFICERS**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai):** Honourable Members, I have one communication to make. This is in regards to the nominees that were committed before this House and appeared on the *Standard* daily newspaper on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Just to inform the relevant committees, that is Committee on Finance and Economic Planning that there is a nominee by the name George Kirer Kipngeno and the docket nominated to is Finance. He is supposed to appear before that committee tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

Secondly, we have a nominee by the name Lenny Kipyegon Kirui, nominated to the docket of Executive Office of the Governor to appear before Governance, Labour, and Social Welfare committee tomorrow, 27th June, 2024, at 12 p.m. And there is a nominee, Mitei Kiplangat, that is, for the docket of Water, Energy, Environment, Forestry, and Natural Resources and the vetting Committee is Water, Energy, Environment, Forestry, and Natural Resources. I think this was a joint committee of both Water and Environment, and he will appear at 2.30 p.m.

Honourable Members, to the Chairpersons of the Committees and Clerk, you please note this; they meet after this session so that they can pre-vet the nominees, and they should be briefed accordingly on what they are expected to do. I know you have been very busy because of the

issue of budget and all other engagements. However, immediately after this session, those committees, that is, Finance and Economic Planning, Governance, Water, Energy and Environment and Natural Resources, you meet so that you can agree on tomorrow's engagement. Just to remind you that the nominees as per the advert that appeared in the *Standard* newspaper dated 19<sup>th</sup> June should bring their original copies of Identity Cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant documents including their original Curriculum Vitae (CVs). So Clerks be advised accordingly. I have heard that... and those are the people appearing before the County Assembly in various committees. Please be advised accordingly. Clerk, Next Order!

## **BILLS**

### *First Reading*

#### **THE KERICHO COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai):** The Honourable Chairman for Budget and Appropriation Committee!

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will request the Honourable Members to allow this Bill to be read for the first time and I will request Hon. Anita to second. Thank you!

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai):** Alright, Hon. Anita Mibey!

*(Hon. Anita Mibey seconded the Motion)*

Next Order!

## **BILLS**

### *Second Reading*

#### **THE KERICHO COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai):** The Hon. Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee!

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I request that the Kericho County Appropriation Bill, 2024 be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, after the approval, this one will be the Act of the County Assembly of Kericho to authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the County Revue Fund and the application towards the service of the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes and I will request Honourable Hezron Ngetich to second.

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** Hon. Hezron Ngetich!

*(Hon. Hezron Ngetich seconded the Motion)*

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Thank you! Clerk, Next Order!

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

*[The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai) left the chair]*

## **IN THE COMMITTEE**

*[The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey) in the chair]*

## **THE KERICHO COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2024**

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** Welcome Honourable Members to the Committee of the Whole House. We'll be looking into the Kericho County Appropriation Bill 2024, following the approval of the budget estimates.

*(Clauses 1 and 2)*

*(Question, that Clauses 1 and 2 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** Clerk!

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE**

That code number R4712, be amended by deleting the figures 387,370,257, and substituting them with the figures 397,487,233.

That code number R4714 be amended by deleting the figure 750,979,234, and substituting them with the figure 758,172,528.

That code number R4715 be amended by deleting the figures 2,889,828,778, and substituting them with the figure 2,879,100,068.

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That code number R4719 be amended by deleting the figures 123,158,060, and substituting them with the figures 129,158,060.

That code number R4722 be amended by deleting the figures 70,626,262, and substituting them with the figure 71,126,262.

That the Class total recurrent expenditure be amended by deleting the figures 6,110,233,650, and substituting them with the figures 6,123,315,210.

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** I invite the Chairman Budget and Appropriations Hon. Albert, to explain the changes.

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you Chair. The reason as to why all these changes are there is because this document was sent to the printer before we finalized on the balances and that is why, after balancing, these figures changed. For example, recurrent under R4712, which is the Department of Public Service Administration, the balancing affected it by 10 million. And then the Department of Education, when we were doing balancing, some members increased their allocations for bursaries and that is why R4714 which is the Department of Education,

Libraries, Culture and Social Services increased by 8 million. And then the Department of Health Services also was affected when everything was being balanced. On the other side, Chair, Department of Lands, was also affected by the balancing. And the last one, Chair, which is the Department of Information, Communication Technology (ICT), Youth Affairs, Sports and E-government, was also affected by the balancing.

Thank you, Chair!

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** Thank you, Chairman.

*(Question, that the schedule on recurrent expenditure as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** Clerk, Next!

### **DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE**

That code number D4713 be amended by deleting the figures 418,197,320 and substituting them with the figures 447,542,427

That code number D4714 be amended by deleting the figures 216,808,254 and substituting them with the figures 201,657,498

That code number D4715 be amended by deleting the figures 298,331,789 and substituting them with the figures 247,639,775

That code number D4716 be amended by deleting the figures 390,892,356 and substituting them with the figures 364,856,453

That code number D4717 be amended by deleting the figures 720,758,085 and substituting them with the figures 755,155,412

That code number D4718 be amended by deleting the figures 489,321,305 and substituting them with the figures 502,332,222

That code number D4719 be amended by deleting the figures 184,013,999 and substituting them with the figures 190,513,999

That code number D4720 be amended by deleting the figures 238,440,250 and substituting them with the figures 233,984,012

That Class Subtotal be amended by deleting the figures 3,107,884,592.

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** I would like to call upon the Chairman to explain.

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you Chair. Under 'D' especially, I will start with D4713 that is, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and it was affected because of the rearrangement of the Schedule and I remember it very well that it affected Cooperative Promotions and Industrial Crops and that is the reason the figure increased from 418 to 447.

Chair, another department is D4714 which is the Department of Education as a result of rearrangement in the Schedule, Chair, it reduced. The figures reduced because in one way or the other members reduced their schedules. That column of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) and that is the reason why it has gone down.

The Department of Health which is D4715, this one, members changed also as a result of rearrangements, that column of health reduced that figure to 247 because members had their own priorities.

Chair, another is D4716 which is the Department of Trade, this one also was affected as a result of the rearrangement of the schedule and if I can remember it very well, the line that was affected the most is the market and trades, it went down. Another department, Chair, is D4717 which is the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport including Road Construction and Maintenance. As you can see Chair, these figures have gone up by 35 million also as a result of rearrangement of the schedule, members increased their allocations to somewhere and that is the reason why this figure went up by 35 million.

And then D4718 is the Department of Water and also as you can see Chair, the figures went up by almost 13 million and it is as a result of priorities in the schedule.

Another department, Chair, is D4719 which is Lands, Housing and Physical Planning. This one also was as a result of rearrangement of the schedule and as you can see the figure went up by 6.5 million. It is specifically meant for acquisition of lands, almost in four to five wards that allocated money for the acquisition of land.

And then D4720 is the Department of Finance. This one went down by about 5 million and this is as a result of rearrangements when we were doing the balancing in Nakuru. Lastly, Chair, is that after all those rearrangements of course the sub-total will go down by about 7 million. Thank you Chair!

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** Thank you Chair.

*(Question, that the schedule on development expenditure as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Chairperson (Hon. Anita Mibey):** I would like now welcome the mover to move the Motion.

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you Chair. I therefore beg to move that the committee do report to the assembly its consideration of the Kericho County Appropriations Bill, 2024 and its approval thereof with amendments. Thank you!

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **REPORT, CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND THIRD READING**

### **THE KERICHO COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** Thank you Chair. Thank you. Honourable Members, we can continue. I invite the Chairperson, Honourable Anita Mibey to report to the House. The House has resumed officially.

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**Hon. Anita Mibey (Member for Chemosot Ward):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Kericho County Appropriations Bill, 2024 and its approval thereof with amendments. Thank you!

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** All right, thank you. The mover of the report, that is the Honourable Chairman, Budget and Appropriations!

**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said Report, and I will request Honourable Vincent to second. Thank you!

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** The Honourable Vincent Korir!

**Hon. Vincent Korir (Member for Londiani Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I do agree with the amendments that we have done correctly. Thank you, I second!

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** Thank you. Honourable Members, I wish now to propose the adoption of the report.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Clerk, Next Order!

## **BILLS**

### *Third Reading*

#### **THE KERICHO COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024**

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** The Hon. Chairman Budget and Appropriations Committee, please move the Third Reading!



**Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Having gone through the process of First reading, Second reading, and the Committee of the Whole House, I would request them that they agree that this Bill be read for the Third time. And Mr. Speaker, under this Bill there is also Memorandum of Objects and Reasons, and that it was submitted by the County Executive Member responsible for the County Treasury to this County Assembly. Mr. Speaker, in this Bill, Clause Two of the Bill provides for the issues of Kenya shilling 9, 219, 119, 242 only, out of the County Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Otherwise thank you Mr. Speaker and I request Hon. Anita Mibey to second.

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** The Honourable Anita Mibey!

*(Hon. Anita Mibey seconded the Motion)*

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** Alright, thank you!

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Now we allow the Clerk to read the Long Title of the Bill.

*Long Title*

The Kericho County Appropriation Bill, 2024, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Kericho, to authorise the issue of certain sums of money out of the County Revenue Fund and their application towards the service of the year ending on 30th June, 2025 and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Patrick Mutai):** Okay, thank you so much, Honourable Members. There being no other order of business, we have come to conclusion of our afternoon sitting. Thank and you have a good evening.

*[The House rose at 3.32 p.m.]*