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# THE HANSARD

*Thursday 29th February, 2024*

*Assembly Building*

*The Assembly met at 2.30 p.m*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Mohamed Roba) in the Chair]*

## PRAYER

## PAPERLAID

COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) 2024.

**Hon. Abdirashid Diba** (Garbatulla): Thank you Honorable Speaker. Honorable Speaker pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 211, I beg to lay on the table County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024.

*(Hon. Abdirashid Diba tabled the CFSP 2024)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members I bring to your attention Standing Order number 211 (3), upon being laid before the Assembly, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper shall be deemed to have been committed to each Sectoral Committee without question put, for each such Committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandates and make recommendations to the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee. So, I commit this paper to the Sectoral Committees to go and deliberate and bring a report on 15th March this year at 2.p.m. Sorry, the Sectoral Committee will take their report to the Budget Committee then the Budget Committee will table it on the floor of the House.

**Hon. Abdirashid Diba** (Garbatulla): Mr. Speaker, I think it has to go through three different stages. County Fiscal Strategy Paper has to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House then it has to go through public participation. Then

we the Budget Committee will combine the two report; the Sector and Public participation report, then table it on the floor of the House. You left out the component of public Participation which is so much necessary.

**Hon. Speaker:** Those are Procedural matters. Is that time going to be enough to do Public Participation? I am guided by Clerk to refer to Standing Order 211(4), which states that, In considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee shall consult each Sectoral Committee and table a report, containing its recommendations on the Statement to the Assembly for consideration. Thank you.

## **MOTION**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Abdirashid Diba** (Garbatulla): Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 32 of the Standing Order of Isiolo County, this Assembly adjourns today 29th February, 2024 to 13th March, 2024 to allow Members to scrutinize County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2024.

**Hon. Nicholas Lorot** (Burat): Seconded.

### ***(Question Proposed)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members, the floor is now open for debate.

**Hon. Nicholas Lorot** (Burat): Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the adjournment of Motion. Mr. Speaker, I think this County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2024 needs time for the Members to scrutinize, so it is good for Members to have enough time to scrutinize this paper. Thank you Mr. Speaker. So, I support the adjournment.

**Hon. Peter Losu** (Ngaremara): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also arise to support the adjournment. Mr. Speaker, I think for most of the Members who don't understand the Calendar or even the Budget cycle, yesterday 28th February, it is the submission of County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 and Mr. Speaker, I think most of the things that we undertake as Budget Committee, has a cycle and timeframe to undertake. Mr. Speaker I think it is wise for us to support the adjournment and at the same time to go through this County Fiscal Strategy Paper, so that as sectors they can give their own input, so that Mr. Speaker at the end the Budget

Committee will have time to compile all the report from various sectors and at the same time report to the House. Mr. Speaker, i think going with the Budget cycle, Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of things that require our attention more especially this CFSP and it has even the timeline to approve. It has to be adopted around 14th March, Honorable Speaker. You see now we need to adjourn so that we can get time to go through so that by around 14th we are in a position to adopt as a House So that the other budgetary provision or even the standard required for Budget process to start. So I think the Members will be in agreement with the Leader of Majority and also the Chair of Budget Committee for the adjournment maybe to get input from other sectors. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members in light of the guidance by Honorable Member Peter Losu, I would like to reverse my earlier date of 15th to 14th March so that we are within the timeline. So the report will be tabled on 14th March, 2024, afternoon.

**Hon. David Waithaka** (Bulapesa): Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. County Fiscal Strategy Paper is an important component that is supposed to align as a County the objective of the Executive and what we want to do and even when it comes to raising revenue, expenditure the whole thing. So I support the Motion and I feel as an Assembly, I give you congratulations because we are completely on time, this time. It is 29th today and the date that has been given it is for all of us to work seriously and make sure that we are equal to the task that our Members gave us, so that we move forward. And with those few remarks, I still support the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Abdirashid Diba** (Garbatulla): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think Hon. Losu has talked about the legal timeframe that we need to adhere to, but I need to remind this House this County Fiscal Strategy Paper needs to address strategic priority in terms of revenue expenditure and debt management of a mid-term. This a very important document if this House will be committed to look at it in two weeks. It will be okay for me; but yesterday I want to remind this House that we tabled a Policy from National Government which we called Intergovernmental Policy that gives a crucial guidance on how conditional grant are being used. With the consideration of the Speaker to look at the two documents, where the timeline given of two weeks is enough for the Whole Committee to go through the

document and adopt. We need to be considerate in timeline but the bulk of the work that we have, will require that we need to have more time than two weeks.

**Hon. Speaker:** Very well put Leader of Majority, but i think what Honorable Losu raised is covered under Standing Order 211 (8) which states that the Assembly shall consider and may adopt the County Fiscal Strategy Paper with or without amendments not later than 14 days after its submission under paragraph one. So, if you count 14 days from tomorrow it falls exactly on the 14th, so we are bound by that.

**Hon. Abdirashid Diba** (Garbatulla): Mr. Speaker, I am just asking about the consideration of the second important document that is the Intergovernmental Policy.

**Hon. Speaker:** We are going to work on both, I think we are going to work extra hours, we are going to put also weekends into this so that we are within the timelines.

**Hon. Peter Losu** (Ngaremara): Honorable Speaker, I want to agree with the Leader of Majority; the work of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is to set the priorities for the County and part of that Mr. Speaker is what we discussed yesterday the Inter-governmental agreement. So, Mr. Speaker, as you have given direction we can work on the two documents respectively. So that Mr. Speaker we will not be left behind. I understand even the Chairperson of Agriculture when he was tabling the same document though it was through the Budget Committee, Mr. Speaker, I think also that one has a timeframe, failure to which it can't be funded. I think we can take a look at the same time.

**Hon. Speaker:** Very well, we are going to table both Papers on 14th March, 2024. The office of the Clerk is going to facilitate you for smooth working on these documents. Thank you.

Honorable Members, I now put a question; Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 32 of the standing order of Isiolo County this Assembly adjourns today 29th February, 2024 to 13th March, 2024 to allow Members to scrutinize County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024.

*(Question Put and Agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members the House stand adjourned until 13th March, 2024.

The House rose at 3.15 p.m.