

BUDGET SPEECH OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2010/11 IDP AND 2010/13 MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

Ten days today, it's a reality **"Feel it, it is here"**.

We are from a Historic Trophy Viewing on Friday, which to us marked the final ushering of the world class presentation of the FIFA World Cup, with the cup taking rounds in all of the Host Cities. The event was out of this world. The Premier and the community members were all excited about the quality of the Gold coming back home in Africa.

We present our budget today for consideration and adoption with a clear understanding that we are tasked to support, facilitate and coordinate the work of the constituent locals for an effective and efficient service delivery.

We are a predominantly rural District yet in the middle of our geographical area, there are pockets of high economic activities driven by amongst others – mining, agriculture/farming manufacturing and tourism.

It is in this regard that in looking back, there are areas we had to attend to. We had both funded and unfunded mandates to deal with in the process, but for all it takes, it has always been in the interest of accelerated service delivery.

Coordination between the province and ourselves on the one hand, and local municipalities and ourselves on the other, has not been up to scratch when it comes to priorities as would be seen by these role players.

There are cases where clear duplications occur, and the communities we are supposed to serve, are left torn between institutions. This kind of a weakness has to be dealt with through adherence to systems established to conform to adopted policy positions. Duplication is both time consuming and resource wasting.

We have had an eventful year, with the support to youth, women, HIV-Aids organisations and NGO's. CBO initiated activities through our public participation programme being aggressively driven. We have also conducted disability engagements through workshops that would assist them to access procurement processes by imparting such basic knowledge.

Our programme on support to Traditional Leaders has shown positives, and I can on your behalf confirm that our relationship with Traditional Leaders in this district is amongst the most appreciated and supportive in the province.

The leadership core that is represented here, both elected and appointed, take full responsibility in making sure that we maintain the respect and sound interaction between traditional leadership in this district.

We therefore want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your endless/tireless efforts to make local government work for our people in conjunction with all stakeholders, including traditional leaders.

We are also humbled by the sound relationship amongst the three political offices. Our human resource development has firstly seen us coming out as a vibrant organisation, with benefits rated amongst the most attractive in category of a municipality we are. It is very unfortunate that we got ourselves entangled in the most unpreferred state of affairs. I am disappointed by the manner in which some of our employees conducted themselves. We had serious challenges on the management of information security. This has seen us having to employ new efforts of information security and management of its development in the institution. I want to appeal to all of us to remember that it's not about us – but about those we serve.

There must be a sense of responsibility amongst all of us. If you misbehave there shall be consequences for your actions. We are expected to present a clean and democratic government, and with democracy, comes responsibility.

We want to assess how much support we have given to learners, young and old through our support to education.

TOTAL AMOUNT BUDGETTED	:	R1 200 000
Total amount spent to date	:	R1 017 579,08
Learners carried over from 2009	:	18
Learners granted bursaries in 2010	:	25

The balance of **R181 420,92** for the current year will be distributed to more learners who were identified by the bursary committee.

The economic development of our district is expected to be amongst the most performing for two reasons, FIFA World Cup and the concentration of the mining activities in the district with special attention to Madibeng and Rustenburg. The truth is, with these two reasons, the influx of people to these areas makes it difficult to these municipalities to have accurate statistics, therefore constraints the municipalities from rendering sustainable basic services.

We therefore have to make sure that other sectors are active in the economy, like your agriculture, tourism and manufacturing are injected with life, to be able to keep the economy running and improve on creation of employment opportunities.

We have been delayed in term of the implementation of municipal Health Services, and we are now hopeful with the progress made so far, we are able to show a very positive outcome into the new budget year.

Our disaster management capacity has been stepped up - particularly in areas where we have been making final check on our readiness towards the FIFA World Cup. So is our fire and rescue services – this has been demonstrated recently at the Kgetleng hand-over. We want to engage in creating environmentally friendly crime preventing mechanisms, but also that our environmental protection programmes have to see a positive outcome.

Our financial management capacity has proved to be on top of the situation. Our assistance to local municipalities in this regard is ongoing. We cannot afford to present clean reports, when constituent locals do not get the same. We appeal to the leadership of constituent locals to open up for the district to assist, and not restrict our support to soft issues amongst locals. We hope to get that kind of corporation, it is important.

Nevertheless, we must congratulate all of you who have contributed to this unqualified audit report. In essence, all of you have made this report what it is - We then received an ambassador's status clean audit.

Our infrastructure development programme is well underway especially since your house adopted a resolution to allow us to implement those projects identified by local municipalities, funded by the district. Interventions and implementations in Kgetleng, Madibeng, Moses Kotane and Moretele have seen tremendous progress.

There are still some communication deficiencies within locals that then misrepresent the actual views of the institution.

2010 FIFA World Cup is here in South Africa, in Rustenburg, in Bojanala and in the North West.

Madam Speaker – your awareness creation Mayor's Cup has reached its finality. On the second of May, we presented the Mother of all Cup Finals of that district. It attracted the interest of over 15 000 people on that day.

We made commitments through you to secure tickets for all the finalists, as have been budgeted for.

We did that because these youngsters, from the initial stages of implementation in 2007, to create an awareness in the rest of the district with specific concentration to the most rural of our areas. We are glad to announce that this programme is well underway.

We have in terms of this programme come out to be amongst the best promoters of this 2010 FIFA World Cup. Your t-shirts, your soccer every-day – no long soccer Friday.

I take the opportunity to invite all of us to enjoy the world. The Rugby Super 14 has been a good precursor to the World Cup, the Columbia game a warm-up – why do we think we cannot take the cup.

Madam Speaker a detailed report shall follow as we come closer to the actual date.

On behalf of your house Madam Speaker, we have been able to do the things we did because of the distinguished nature of your team.

I present this budget to your house for consideration, having taken into account the work that both the budget steering committee and Oversight committee has done.

THANK YOU.

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