



MINUTES OF BAMENDA III COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD OF DECEMBER 2025

The Session started at 12:44PM upon arrival of the Divisional Officer for Bamenda III representing the Senior Divisional Officer for Mezam. This was closely followed by singing of the National Anthem then prayers led by First Deputy Mayor, Joseph Koti Tita.

The Agenda was adopted (as presented) by Councillor George Funwie Muforza and seconded by Councillor Ngelah Regina Ngufor

Upon verification, a quorum was attained with seven (7) Proxies namely;

- 1) Councillor Gesih Grace
- 2) Councillor Ngum Helen Takoh
- 3) Councillor Nyiwatumi Julian Tapendri
- 4) Councillor Forbi Jacob Muma
- 5) Councillor Lailam Faith Serephine
- 6) Councillor Konfor Isaac Ngahyinkfu
- 7) Councillor Hamadu Bawuro

ADDRESS BY MAYOR FONGU CLETUS TANWE:

The Mayor in his welcome speech thanked all the Sons and Daughters of Bamenda III as well as other Stakeholders for collaborating with the Council to attain the level where we are now. He said the 2026 draft Budget that will soon be presented is designated to meet the aspirations of the entire population of Bamenda III. This is because the population was involved in the elaboration of the Budget. Public Budget Orientation Debate was held wherein all the Quarter Development Committees across Bamenda III Municipality were represented as well as Civil Society Organizations to make inputs. He

continued that the Budget is realistic and participatory. He said this is the second year of a programmed Budget meaning that we have the experience.

He thanked the Municipal Treasurer, Secretary General and their Collaborators for a job well done to realize this Budget. He thanked all for coming while wishing them a fruitful deliberation.

READING/CORRECTION/ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Mayor suggested that since the Minutes were handed to the Councillors ahead of time, they should move straight to corrections

No corrections were made on the Minutes. Councillor Ngwa Esther Ngeche and Councillor Ngenwie Wankwie Pauline moved for its adoption.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Page 2, paragraph 5, Councillor Nforcho Robert Tomele wished to know why the Senior Divisional Officer was not present to address the issue of Tubah which was raised in the last session.

In response, the Divisional Officer for Bamenda III sitting in for the Senior Divisional Officer said the Senior Divisional Officer was attending another important meeting.

No other matter was raised from the previous Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Four (4) Resolutions were presented by the Secretary General, Madam Mankaa Quinta Neba who said all were duly signed, three by the Supervisory Authority and one by the Minister on the Recruitment of Municipal Police.

On this issue, the Municipal Treasurer confirmed that the issue of recruitment of Municipal Police has been taken into consideration in Budgeting for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Report was presented by the Vice Chairman of the Committee Councillor Nforcho Robert Tomele who said the Committee appreciated the Budget for being feasible, touching strategic development goals.

The Committee also noted that the Budget which stood at **Two Billion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Four (2,264,480.394) Francs** balanced in both Revenue and Expenditure and that there was an increase in the Budget over that of 2025 by **One Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-One (1,479,685,991) Francs** due to other safe recipes such as;

- PROLOG Allocation: 1,045,401,527 FCFA

4) Municipal Deliberation N°.004/MD/MINDDEVEL/BIHC/BS/2025: Bearing on the Training of Staff of the Bamenda III Council.

In his reaction, the Mayor announced that the President of the Republic had signed the Deliberation on the Expropriation cost of owners of the Land below the Council for the construction of Bamenda III Municipal Housing Estate at the tune of 85,956,469 FCFA.

At this, Councillor Ngenwie Wankwie Pauline moved a motion for the adoption of the Deliberations, seconded by Councillor Godlove Fonjiyang Koti.

OTHER MATTERS:

Councillor Nforcho Robert wished to know why the Social Welfare Committee did not present in their report about the Insurance of Councillors of Bamenda III Council that is overdue.

He also remarked that the Works and Transport Committee did not make mention of the MINEPIA Building at the Livestock Market in Mile 6, Nkwen which is poorly constructed. He therefore recommended that subsequently the Works Committee should visit the projects to determine the level of execution.

Councillor George Funwie Muforza thanked the authorities of Bamenda III for the realization of the magnificent Municipal Hall wherein we are seated today and other projects. He prayed that more be done in 2026.

The Second Deputy Mayor appreciated the work done at the Ntasen Market and prayed that the Sheds be handed over to the Traders as soon as possible to avoid turning the place into a hideout for thieves.

Councillor Azinue Ngufor on his part thanked the Council Authorities for the tarring of the road behind PMI. He however, pleaded that speed breaks be put on risk areas to curb accidents.

Councillor Acho Frankline suggested that Rain Gates be introduced on that particular stretch of road for heavy duty trucks are destroying the road.

Councillor Ngelah Regina while thanking the Bamenda III Council for the work done at the Nkwen Health Centre, requested that the fence be completed on time to safeguard security.

Councillor Ngwa Esther Ngeche appealed that the Bamenda III Purified Water Scheme be extended to the inhabitants of her constituency (Ntaghem II).

Concerning the Washing Points operating along the road and below Baptist Church Mile 3 Nkwen, Councillor George Funwie Muforza requested that these be relocated somewhere else following the damage they are causing on the road.

The First Deputy Mayor decried the loss of lives in the ongoing conflict and appealed that the Senior Divisional Officer should look into the Farmer Grazier problem in Ndzah which may degenerate into another conflict.

Councillor Lucas Ngu Afong complained of the poor state of the road leading to Nibung.

MAYOR'S RESPONSE TO WORRIES:

The Mayor again took the floor and gave answers to the worries posed by the Councillors siting some projects that will be realized in 2026. The projects sited by the Mayor for execution in 2026 included: -

- 1) Equipping the Ndzah Health Centre
- 2) Completion of the Nkwen Health Centre Fence
- 3) Provision of Solar Powered Bore hole at Njenefor.
- 4) Provision of water to Ntahmbang (ongoing)
- 5) Purchase of heavy duty equipment for road maintenance within the Municipality (about 30 million FCFA has been allocated for this). This include the purchase of Tricycles for waste collection to reduce bulk of waste.
- 6) Tarring of the road from Teken through Alahlie to Centre Bolt.
- 7) Construction of the Ntasen Bridge
- 8) Construction of two Bridges in Ntaghem II (ongoing).
- 9) Rehabilitation of earth roads.
- 10) Organization of Inter-Quarter Tournament.
- 11) Forty million set aside for extension of electricity to Ndzah.
- 12) Also extention of electricity to Ntelah etc.

The Mayor observed that some Quarter Development Committee did not take the PROLOG Project serious and did not attend the Meetings. He assured all the Quarters that attended the meetings and submitted their projects that they will be looked into.

On the Ntasen Market, the Mayor said basic needs like water and electricity have to be installed before the market goes operational.

He informed Councillors that a team of Engineers will be coming this year from Germany to optimize our water scheme and he believes after that many more Quarters will benefit.

About the Rain Gates, the Mayor said action will be taken in the days ahead (The First Deputy Mayor in charge) and primitive sanctions shall be meted on defaulters.

The Mayor said he will discuss the possibility of installing speed breaks with authorities of BUNS ENTERPRISE.

He announced that the Civil Status of Bamenda III Council has been computerized (Digitalized) one of the pilot Centres in the Region.

He also said a Solar Panel will be install in Bamenda III Council Office in the days ahead to curb the challenges faced with ENEO supply.

That the 2026 Budget has taken into consideration Gender Based Violence related matters. He made mention of the fact that presently the Council is handling a case of rape together with the Commandant of Brigade Research Mile 4 Nkwen who are hunting for the Culprit.

A WORD FROM THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER FOR MEZAM:

The Divisional Officer for Bamenda III Sub Division sitting in for the Senior Divisional Officer for Mezam joined his voice to those of the previous Speakers to thank the Council Authority for offering Bamenda III such a magnificent and beautiful Hall. He said the Council should not relent its effort in maintenance so that the hall will remain as beautiful as it is. He also congratulates the Bamenda III Council for being the pioneer Council in the North West to digitalize the Civil Status. He advised that we use the Press to sell our image.

He also congratulated the Mayor for the Bamenda III Inclusive Football Tournament. He commented that it should not only remain a yearly tournament but should be subject to innovations because echoes have been coming in that the tournament has become the pride not only to the Municipality but to the Nation. He appreciated the increase of 14% in Investment in the Budget for 2026. This shows that the Council takes the aspiration of the population into consideration in the type and quality of projects being realized.

He threw more light on the importance of the Council on raising revenue from Temporary Occupation of Public Thorough way. He appealed to the Councillors to be vigilant in their various quarters and help the Mayor to realize revenue in that avenue. He advised that the project of extending electricity should make use of metallic or concrete poles because wooden poles are not reliable.

He said he has taken note of the Farmer Graziers problem in Ndzah village but that he will not go into details for a Commission will be set up to look into that.

He ended with the issue of security and regretted that we will be celebrating 10 years of crisis and that he must admit and confess that the population can no longer bear the consequences. He said we should be collaborative and denounce as well as uproot the perpetrators amongst us because families are suffering. Let us play our own role while waiting for the government to play his own role.

While wishing all present a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2026, he said the Bamenda Urban crossing project will soon begin in the stretch of road from Amour Mezam to Bambui and that the project has been approved. He called upon the population not to engage in any major development along that stretch of road. He ended by wishing a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2026 to all.

A WORD FROM THE FON OF NKWEN:

The Fon of Nkwen who made his way in when the Divisional Officer was making his closing remarks was given the floor to address his people.

The Fon while wishing all present a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2026, thanked the Mayor and his Collaborators for realising this magnificent Hall. He said we should continue in this spirit in order to develop our Community. He went further that we should take the year 2026 to be a year of massive development, the development that will impact lives in the Municipality for that is the vision of the Head of State, reason why Decentralization has come.

Before his closing remarks the Mayor said at the beginning of the session Mayor Joseph Tita Koti talked about the passing on of Grand Councillor Asobo Samuel Mbuyah and that today is an opportunity to vote a Councillor to replace him at the City Board.

He then opened the floor for nominations.

Mayor koti nominated Councillor Godlove Fonjiyang but his nomination was not seconded. Councillor Gamoh Abel nominated Councillor Ngenwie Wankwie Pauline and was seconded by Councillor Rita Ndiangang. No other nomination was made. Upon voting, 26 out of 26 voted Councillor Ngenwie Wankwie Pauline to replace Grand Councillor Asobo Samuel Mbuyah.

This marked the end of the session and the Mayor requested for a symbolic **CUTTING OF THE RIBBON** by the Divisional Officer of Bamenda III Sub Division to launch the New Hall.

The Session ended at 2:50PM with refrain of the National Anthem intoned by Councillor Festus Mforbi Che. Thereafter, was entertainment and merriment to celebrate the opening of the Council Hall.

ASSISTED BY:

**STELLA ANAM MUNDE
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MINUTES SECRETARY



THE MAYOR



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