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In its **25th Executive Committee** meeting, chaired by **H.E. Gladys Wanga**, the Homa Bay County Government reviewed the successful **Homa Bay International Investment Conference (HOBIIIC 2024)** and reaffirmed its commitment to the **GenowaEnDongruok** Agenda.

H.E. The Governor complimented the Executive, Chief Officers, Directors and all County Staff alongside all partners, sponsors and stakeholders for the conference's success and approved the establishment of a dedicated desk to follow up on nine Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed during the event.

The ratified MOUs include agreements with:

1. AFROPAL International Limited:

- Framework for edible oil palm production around Lake Victoria Region, in collaboration with Migori County and the National Government.

2. Ento Tech Africa Limited:

- Focus on innovative waste treatment solutions for cleaner towns and job creation, utilizing environmentally sustainable practices.

3. YAZMARK INTERNATIONAL:

- Establishment of a 50-bed Mother and Child Specialist Hospital to address healthcare challenges in the region.

4. Rift Valley Products (RVP) Limited:

- Development of a Ginnery in Homa Bay and capacity building for local cotton farmers.

5. Manda University Trust:

- Introduction of Manda University Kenya, specializing in health sciences and agricultural studies.

6. Fairdeal Real Estate:

- Investment in affordable housing and student hostels to support the growing population.

7. Kenya Shipyard Limited:

- Commitment to lakefront infrastructure development, blue economy initiatives, and positive economic and environmental impacts.

8. Reddington:

- Collaboration for solar power generation to benefit beaches, schools, and hospitals not connected to the national grid, promoting employment and technology transfer.

Additionally, the County Treasury proposed a Second Supplementary Budget for FY2023/24, allocating Kshs. 10,521,346,249 with significant funds dedicated to Health(Kshs. 2.3B), Roads(Kshs. 908.6M), Agriculture(Kshs. 619.9M to cater for seed distribution to the citizens), and Education(Kshs. 1.3B to actualize absorption commitment to EYE teachers)

Key approvals from departmental papers include:

- **Health and Medical Services:** Procurement approvals for linen, solo shots, drugs, hemodialysis machines, and a boat ambulance to enhance medical services.
- **Blue Economy and Fisheries:** Approval for the construction of 8 fish bandas in Ongoro (Karachuonyo West), Alero (Gembe), Kaugege (Kasungu), Wakondo (Rusinga), Achich (Homa Bay East), Sena (Mfangano), Ragwe (Kaksingri West) and Rasira (Gwasii South), as well as pit latrines in 10 beaches including Ringiti, Ruancha, Kakiona, Alara, Litare, Kisaka, Kinaga, Ngegu, Alum and Obaria, therefore contributing to the development of blue economy initiatives.
- **Department of Roads:** Allocation of Kshs. 117M for the repair and maintenance of 16 roads, facilitating improved movement of goods and services across the county.

In conclusion, H.E. Governor Gladys Wanga on behalf of the Executive Committee reiterated the administration's commitment to transforming the lives of Homa Bay residents through critical projects.

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