

BOMET COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 28th March 2017

The House met at 9.30 am

[Hon. Speaker (The Hon. Geoffrey Kipng'etich) on the Chair]

PRAYERS

❖ QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: There is no quorum, Sergeant-at-Arms kindly ring bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum Bell rings)

Hon. Speaker: What is it Hon. Bett?

Hon. R. Bett: Hon. Speaker, we have the quorum.

❖ COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

Hon. Speaker: First, welcome back Hon. Members. I hope you had a successful legislative summit in Mombasa and I hope members were able to learn more there.

Secondly is that I want to request House Business Committee and Procedure and Rules Committee so that we meet after this morning sitting.

❖ STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: There are some pending Statements. There was a comprehensive statement that was sought by Hon. Wilson Keter on 23rd November 2016 from the Chairperson Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on old person's stipends and NHIF contributions.

Hon. W. Mosonik: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, It could have been appropriate if I had been notified that I have a Statement to answer. The other time, we were to summon the officers concerning Gender, Culture and Social Services.

Currently there is an issue with the quorum hitch because "*the ground is moving*" on the members and let me request so that I can answer in the afternoon concerning the summoning process.

Hon. L. Kirui: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I heard Chair for the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services saying, “*The ground is moving*”. I wish to be informed how the ground is moving.

Hon. W. Mosonik: It is so absurd that Hon. Kirui is not feeling that “*the ground is moving*” yet this is the phrase that is used in this Assembly being electioneering period. Hon. Kirui is also a Chair of a Committee and attaining quorum is has been hard. The process to summon to officers started before we went to Mombasa for the summit.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mosonik, you are out of order to say that you need to be informed that you had a Statement due yet you were in this Assembly when I gave the committee 14 days to answer the Statement. You were the one who requested for 14 days. You need to keep your house in order.

Hon. W. Keter: Since there were reshuffle in the Committee’s clerks, we request more time to be able to answer the statement. I therefore beg to answer it in the afternoon.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Keter, it seems you are responding to a different issue. How can you answer the Statement you were seeking?

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am not a Member of this Committee. Nonetheless, as per the look of things documents speaks louder than words in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I saw a letter written to stop the stipends for the old persons. I see no need to invite the CEC concerned. This is so because we can easily refer to the letter that was send from the National Government. The fund that we had factored in the budget was stopped via a letter. That letter needs to be responded to to clear up the matter.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Joyce what you are saying is preempting the matter. Kindly respond on the same when the Chair answers.

Hon. Mosonik you have until today in the afternoon to answer it.

Hon. S. Chelule: Thank you Hon. Speaker. The Statements that were committed to various committees are yet to be answered because “*the ground is moving*”. This even can be witnessed in the manner in which some members are conducting themselves in the Assembly like Hon. Keter. Hon. Speaker, you do not have to blame the committee.

Nowadays the Hon. Members come late to the Assembly. In fact, today I arrived here early, then followed by the Hon. Member for Chepchabas. This is an indication that things are changing in our wards politically.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that we should not be blaming each self for the failure to answer the Statements. In essence, this is so because the CECs fail to submit the answers to the Committees.

By the look of things, it is as if we will be having quorum hitches as we near the end of this Assembly.

(On a point of order)

Hon R. Serbai: I believe we came here to transact the business of the Assembly. Is the Member in order to tell us the challenges he is facing in his ward and thus failing to transact the business of the Assembly? We have been blaming the CECs yet we have the powers to deal with them. This has become the blame game of the day. We should be blaming ourselves for not abiding by what is in the Act.

Hon R. Metet: Hon. Speaker, thank you. First, I wish to congratulate Hon Serbai for maturing in the debates. Secondly, I wish to say that Hon. Chelule came here in time for the first time. Actually, Hon. Chelule has always been arriving late. Of late, he has been coming early because he is avoiding his electorates in the ward. We as Members have been attending the sessions in time all along safe for Hon. Chelule.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, Hon John Ngetich sought a Statement on 18th January, 2017 from the Chairperson Committee on Education, Youth & Sports concerning the newly constructed Sigor High School premises situated in Sigor Ward. In the Statement, the Chairperson should explain:-

- i.** The Budget line used to fund the project;
- ii.** The Budget line used to fund the project;
- iii.** The status of completion;
- iv.** The total cost of the project;
- v.** The amount of funds used to date ;
- vi.** Whether there was a prior agreement between the County and National government on the financing of the project since construction of secondary schools is a National government function according to schedule four of the constitution;
- vii.** To what extent has Moi University been involved in the funding of the new Sigor high school premises owing to the main reason for re-allocation being to create room for setting up of Bomet University?
- viii.** Who is the contractor awarded to implement the project (provide a copy of the contract)

Hon. Josphat, do you have answers to the Statement? Have you supplied the same to Hon. Ngetich?

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, thank you very much. Indeed, I want to say that as had been directed, we supplied the answers to Hon. John Ngetich and because the Statement had

previously been answered, I wish the Hon. Member were here so that he could highlight the areas he is not satisfied with so that we could elaborate further on.

Hon Speaker: Very well then, let me defer the Statement to afternoon since you need him to highlight the areas he is not satisfied with the answers given.

Hon J. Kirui: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I hope you will be there in the afternoon. Hon. Evaline Chepkemoi sought a Comprehensive Statement number 3 on 21st February, 2017. The Statement was sought from the Chairperson Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on the appointment of Chief Officer for the Department of Gender, Culture, and Social Services pursuant to Article 45 (1) of the County Governments Act. The Hon. Member specifically wished to be informed on the following;

- a.) Why has Mr. Daniel Ngeno, who was approved by the Assembly for the position of Chief Officer, on 18th November, 2015 not appointed by the Governor?
- b.) When will said officer be appointed to the said position?

I am not seeing Hon. Evaline.

Hon W. Mosonik: Hon Speaker, I am confused. I am confused on this because; we vetted this officer, and I thought it was the Committee on Labour and social Services, which was given this Statement and today the Members of this Committee and I, are surprised. I am not aware that this Statement was given to the Committee on Gender, Culture, and Social Services. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, the reason as to why I was consulting the table clerks is that according to the Committee, this Statement was given to the Committee on Labour and Social Services. I thus need the Hansard to proof whether I am right or wrong.

Hon Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mosonik, are you saying that this Statement was committed to the committee on Labour and Public Services?

Hon W. Mosonik: Hon. Speaker, that is true.

Hon Speaker: Were you or were you not present when I commitment of the Statement was done? Are you saying that I committed the Statement to the Committee on Labour and Public Services?

Hon W. Mosonik: Mr. Speaker, I was present. We agreed that this officer be the Chief Officer on Gender, Culture and Social Services. That still stands.

Hon J. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, I empathized with Hon Mosonik. I think empathy is better than sympathy. I feel where he comes from and where he is going. This is a hot cake and Hon. Mosonik is confirming that the officer was appointed and approved but at the same time, he is seeing that this is like a fire being thrown on him. This is so because he knows that the appointing authority is non-other than the lord of impunity of this County. It is a fact that Hon. Mosonik subscribes to the ideals of the dictatorial dictator, who is their party leader. This is the reason he is saying he is confused and I agree with him.

Hon Mosonik knows what actually took place but he is not willing to talk to this Assembly. He is therefore trying to evade to the things committed to the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services by trying to play around. He claims that the Committee on Labour and Public Services should handle the issue. He should sit with his committee and be able to bring a comprehensive report on this matter on when why it has delayed since 18th November 2015. A question like who occupies this position lingers in our minds. ? I think that is the reason why Hon. Mosonik is in a dilemma.

I wish Hon Mosonik could tell us who is acting in that position now. This is so because many things are happening and nowadays. I understand that there is even an acting Deputy Governor. I consider the prevailing condition impunity of the highest order since we did the vetting and approved someone to occupy that position.

Hon Speaker: Hon Mosonik, I can confirm to this Assembly that I, as the Speaker, never committed the Statement to the Committee on Labour and Public Services. There is absolutely no reason why the same could be committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Services. Remember it was your Committee, which did the vetting. It is the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services, which brought the person for vetting and approval too in this Assembly. I therefore see no reason to have done so and I can probably you were sleeping or you were elsewhere when Statement was committed to your Committee.

The Statement has never been committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Services. It was specifically committed to your Committee. The reason for committing to the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services is that it did the vetting.

I gave you 14 days and therefore you cannot run away. I can be able to say that it is not justified because the Committee on Labour and Public Services has sufficient work.

Hon Joyce Korir: Hon. Speaker, thank you very much. I wish to say that the Statement that is before the Assembly is a Statement that touches on the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services. This is the Committee whose mandate is partly is to do the vetting of officers who are suppose to be operating the said office. The same Committee submits the names of persons vetted for approval in this Assembly.

The reason why we have the Committee on Labour and Public Services and the Committee on Implementation is to check on the other Committees have completed reports. An example is this one where vetting was done and Daniel Ngeno approved. This means that the Committee on Gender Culture and Social Services has done its part. The next part was to the Committee on Labour and Public Services to tell us whether that part was implemented or not.

Further to that is the Committee on Implementation, which should be able to tell us to why Daniel Ngeno is not in office. If precedents are to be set in this house, then it should start with the Committees. A fact in point is the Hon. Member known by the phrase “*the ground is moving*”, the imputations have been that because of the situations in the field then Members should be excused of delivering on their mandate.

You cannot go ahead to seek votes when already you cannot be able to deliver on your mandate. I believe that we should all be here in time to transact the business in the Assembly unless in cases of emergencies and unavoidable circumstances. Hope I do not sound as if I am defending the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, all I am saying is that once we approve an officer through the report of the Committee, it becomes the duty of the Committee on Labour and Public Services to check and report on the implementation to the Assembly. This will greatly reduce the many politics in this County and as much as I am a politician, I stand to say that it is good to stand and set an example. It is bad for the politicians to influence the employment to favor his or her children.

Hon Speaker, I wish to say that some MCAs played games here to the effect of replacement of the said officer. The relevant committee should tell us who is in the office and how he/she was taken there. I am asking so because there is a procedure to be followed when such issues come in play.

There is also the issue of Committee on Implementation. This Committee due to some policies has not been able to state the completed and unfinished projects. The Committee has not been able to state the implementation of the approved projects in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, once this Assembly through the Committee’s report has approved an officer, it means that the Committee’s report becomes the property of the Assembly. This Assembly knows that a particular person is suppose to be employed in a particular position in a particular office unless we are convinced otherwise, the Committee on Labour and Public Service should tell us who is in that office.

Hon W. Mosonik: Mr. Speaker sir, Hon Josphat Kirui surprised me today. Hon Kirui is a member of this Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Service. Let us call a spade a spade. Hon Kirui for the last three meetings has not been in the Committee’s meetings. His absence has been notable and his whereabouts has not been within my purview of knowhow.

Hon Speaker, I am not defending anyone but rather telling the truth that we vetted this officer but where he went I am not aware. My work was to vet, we did it and we agreed in the floor of the assembly. Where is this one, Hon. Josphat, who is a member, coming from? He is a Member in that Committee yet he is here telling lies to this Assembly. Hon. Kirui is contradicting the standing orders of this honorable Assembly.

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, Indeed I want to thank the Hon. Member because he has confirmed that actually he is confused today. I do not wish to add him any more confusion nonetheless, I wish to state here that I did not accused the Committee.

(On a point of order)

Hon. D. Rotich BigFive: Mr. Speaker sir, is Hon. Josphat in order to accuse his Chair of confusion? If possible, can the Chair produce the register of that day indicating that Hon. Josphat was present?

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, I think the state of confusion is contagious. This other one has just stepped in and he does not know what is happening. Hon. Mosonik himself confirmed that he is confused. He said in the floor of this Assembly that he is confused.

Mr. Speaker, I am sympathizing with Mosonik because I do not want to add confusion to him because he is my Chair. Hon Speaker I hope my point is clear that I am sympathizing with Hon. Mosonik because of the confusion. Let me request the matter to be shelved so that he can come back to his senses.

Hon. Speaker, what I have said very clearly is that you cannot run away as a Committee from a mission that has been committed to you. Hon. Speaker, for the last three to four weeks, I have been away attending to my son in Nairobi. If indeed my Chair had tabled a report from the Committee on Labour and Public Service, I would have been very happy. What I am very annoyed with is the Chair trying to run away from his responsibility as our Chair. In fact, I am very surprised; you see when a father is in the house the children are very happy but when the children see their father running away, the children scream. That is why as you have said that you will be giving him 7 days; I will be around to give him comfort. I promise to confront their party leader who was suppose to appoint this officer but ran away from his responsibility. On this one, we are going to summon the Governor himself.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mosonik, you have 7 days to deal with the matter. Let your Committee deal with the matter.

Hon. W. Mosonik: Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mosonik, I have given the direction. You know very well. Hon. Member sought the specific Statement from the Committee on Gender Culture and Social Services.

Hon. Joyce, what are you saying?

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I just wanted to know, when a Committee's is tabled and approved, where does it go? Is it to the Committee or the Assembly? The Committee did the vetting, they gave a name to the Assembly, it was approved, where does it go? Does it mean that the committee has approved the person or the Assembly?

Hon. Speaker: Let me ask you a simple question. Is it the Speaker who sought the question or the Member? The Member sought that specific Statement from the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services. When I committed the Statement, no one challenged. It is until we want to answer that it is challenged. Are you seeing where the problem is? When the Member sought the Statement from the Committee, let the Committee answer it. It is not for me to give direction when the Member is not even there. Let us rest the matter there. Hon. Joyce, you have been able to sit in this Chair, I beg to rest the matter.

I am giving the Committee 7 days to answer the question because that is what the Statement indicated. Next statement is a comprehensive Statement, which was sought by Hon. Julius Korir on 13th December 2016 from the Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriation, regarding the construction of the Governor's official residence.

This matter had been settled but there were other issues which the committee, was it you Hon. Langat or Hon. Samson who was suppose to... yes

Hon. S. Towett: Thank you Hon. Speaker. You had directed that I handle these issues if the Chair will not be around. I have tried to look at the issues that Hon. Korir sought but we did not get time to sit as a Committee to deliberate on the issues. Last week we were at the legislative summit, which was in Mombasa and it took us the whole week. The Members were not in to sit as a Committee.

Hon. Speaker, I find it weird to initiate a meeting on the Committee on Budget and Appropriation even though you had directed so. I wish to consult the Chair so that he may call for a meeting for the Committee to deliberate on these things.

Mr. Speaker sir, from the look of things, most of the Chairs, for example, the Chair for the Committee on Budget and Appropriation no longer finds time to be in the Assembly's precincts or even delegate the responsibility to the vice or even any other Members. Nevertheless, when I met the Committee's clerk, last week, I established that this statement has not been attended to and it need to be addressed.

Hon. Speaker, I seek for your directions to allow the Committee to work within the remaining time of the week, if it will be possible, and bring a report to this Assembly. As of now, there is no answer to this Statement. There is need for the Committee to sit and look at it. I do not have anything more to add to it other than your direction.

Hon. Speaker: I think it was not only this Statement, there were other Statements especially that Hon. Bor was given to answer when the Chair was outside. Remember the Chair refused to answer the statement and refereed it to Hon. Bor and yet he was around.

I had directed that the Committee meets and make a determination. If you are saying that you have not met, then I am directing the Committee's Chair through the Vice-chair of the Speakers hitherto directions. I further directs that you should meet by tomorrow so that by Tuesday the Committee should have made a determination and get back to us.

Remember the incident that occurred was neither healthy nor good. For the Chair to refuse to answer or delegate to any member and yet around is rather absurd. You know what happened. I have said that you meet tomorrow and one member to brief the Assembly on the decision of the Committee. The Statement is then differed to Tuesday morning.

❖ **MOTION**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Taplelei

Hon. Taplelei: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am grateful to have this opportunity to present my motion.

THAT, aware that one of the functions devolved under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 is that of County Planning and development, also further aware that Section 36 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 provides for the objectives of integrated urban areas and city development planning which includes the preparation of a geographic information system for a city or municipality; also aware that the County executive Committee has not developed any policy on street naming through its board of municipality, also further aware that having a street naming policy based on a set of criteria can prevent conflict and provide a historical context for future generations in our community; this County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee to develop a street naming policy for naming of streets in our towns and municipality.

Hon. Speaker, naming of a street has two elements, direct and indirect advantages and benefits. The elements of the indirect benefits are more or less of the technical exposition, which requires a nonprofessional to understand.

I have had the privilege of visiting England and I realized the importance of street naming. It makes work easier and faster. In England, they have even the buildings numbered, such that if you are going to Kipchamba Street, all the buildings have numbers. My first time to go to England which was 1985, I expected to be picked from the airport but I did not find anyone.

What helped me was the written letter, which indicated the house number. All I did was to call our embassy in England and they told me how I could connect to the place. That is when I realized that having a street named properly you cannot waste time and you can get to the place at the right time.

I have also had a privilege to visit Japan. There they do not have the street naming but they have numbering and you can easily get to where you want to go. This is why, in Bomet County where we do not have the street naming apart from Kipchamba, which was named immediately after our great musician Kipchamba died, identifying places is hectic. We miss many things in our County and directing one to a definite place is almost a nightmare. This is because we are only describing the tall buildings, painted this color and that and one may not know that a building can have the same color.

It is for this reason that I found the necessity of this motion. The County Executive Member concern can develop a policy that will ensure that the streets are accordingly named. The importance of street naming cannot be underscored. There is of course great importance why naming of street is very vital element in our administration. This is because when somebody has a case like a police case; it takes very long for the police officers to reach to where you want them to help. Maybe somebody has fallen in water; maybe somebody requires some emergency and support of like ambulances.

Recently when my mum was sick and I am grateful that all of you supported me in one way or the other. To describe the case of the ambulance, I had to go an extra mile of having somebody to leave the house to come to a cattle dip so that the person could be able to locate where to pick the patient. This might have happened to some of us and I wish that this Assembly considers passing this the motion so that the County Executive can have the policy in place.

Many times, we talk about the revenue that we have not collected what was in the budget and this could be because you cannot trace some of the shops because they are hidden and there is no proper street. It will be very important to have the naming and there are some two parts that I wish to be considered when the policy is done in the naming. Some countries have the specific kind of naming with the individual names and others the generic which are direct. We have the main roads like Moi Avenue in Nairobi, which does not have specific names of individuals. What I wish to propose in the policymaking is that there should be ways that will not make everybody want their names to appear in the street but have some specific ways of naming.

Of late, we have been having many buildings getting fire and it is difficult to have the fire brigade reach there especially when there is no street naming. There is also an element of geographical analysis in the whole thing, which brings about the information collected from people about the geographical locations, which can help in analyzing the spatial temporal patterns or the incidences like diseases and crime areas or any other phenomenon.

If we bring about this it will be easier to try and do research in some specific areas, and the kind of diseases that appear there. If there is no proper data keeping and we just keep talking of the Sub-county or the ward and not giving the specifics which we can see how often those programs come then it makes it a bit difficult to do a research and determine the circumstances that are making those specific areas to go through terrible things.

In some countries like Australia, you find that they add the direction where you get something like Kipchamba East Street and this gives the direction whether it is east or west. There are very good reasons why having a policy in naming a street in Bomet is important and one, which I have already highlighted on the services that are required to be done fast like the medical and fire. I hope it can be passed by this Assembly so that the County Executive Member concern can help in eliminating in wastage of time and ease revenue collection so that we can be able to move with the rest of the world in timely service delivery.

I urge this Assembly to pass this motion to help us move one-step higher from where we have been for 50 years since independence. I wish to request Hon. Hellen Chepkirui to second the motion.

Hon. S. Towett (Hon. Temporary Speaker): Thank you very much the mover of the motion and the Hon. Member who seconded it. It is now my turn to propose the question,

THAT, aware that one of the functions devolved under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 is that of County Planning and development, also further aware that Section 36 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 provides for the objectives of integrated urban areas and city development planning which includes the preparation of a geographic information system for a city or municipality; also aware that the County executive Committee has not developed any policy on street naming through its board of municipality, also further aware that having a street naming policy based on a set of criteria can prevent conflict and provide a historical context for future generations in our community; this County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee to develop a street naming policy for naming of streets in our towns and municipality.

(Motion opens for Debate)

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for the chance that you have given me. The motion that we have at hand needs thorough research because the naming of the street is something that cannot be done in a particular period of time but over time. Bomet County has only two streets, which were named two years back, and there was a digital mapping that was done before the inception of the County Government. We are supposed to have a planner to do the planning of this town before we start naming. We also have the spatial planning of the entire town and I have been talking about this and there is no single day the relevant department or

Committee on Urban Planning has brought the said document to be scrutinized by this Assembly. To me the naming has to come after the approval of the town planning and the digital mapping.

The digital mapping was done in only seven Counties among the forty-seven. I am privy to this because I was the Mayor of this town. The said documents are in the hands of the County Government of Bomet yet they have never been brought to the Assembly for approval to pave way for the implementation of several developments that have to take place.

Well-planned towns should be showing residential areas, industrial areas, major roads and the railway that is suppose to pass through this town, and therefore we cannot do the naming until this is done. I have been part of the development of this town but there are a number of things that have to be streamlined before naming. I want to congratulate the Hon. Member for looking at the future and thinking of the naming but we should give to a technical person to give the way forward on the procedures to be followed in street naming. We should put the motion on hold until we have the relevant documents that are going to give us direction. Most towns do the street naming after the proper planning is approved for example we have Kapkwen area which was supposed to be an industrial area and Zebra is suppose to be a residential area and Kyogong should be a dumping site as per the plan and we should approve it first. I congratulate the Honorable Member and request that we should look at these things critically and approve it not because it is a motion but do so after a thorough research.

Thank you.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Yes Hon. Josphat Kirui

Hon. J. Kirui: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to congratulate the mover of the motion, Hon. Taplelei for coming up with this. Naming of streets is important because when visitors who come, most of them use Google maps to trace their destinations. It is very important that these places are on the Google maps.

The development of this town of Bomet has not matured because of the impunity, which takes place in this town and it has even scared the investors. It is important that we pass the motion so that the few streets that we have can be named after Hon. Joyce Korir who was the first woman Mayor and the second one named after Kipkalya Kones and our singer Kipchamba. I want to request Hon. Joyce to support motion so that one street can be named after her.

(On a point of order)

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): What is it Hon. Joyce

Hon. Joyce Korir: Is it in order for Hon. Member to push me to support the motion because it will be named after me? Hon. Langat always says that the law speaks louder than words and

unless we do proper approval of the plan then we cannot do the naming because procedures should be followed.

Is it in order for the Hon. Member to push me to agree to have my name after a Street? Some procedures must be in place before the naming.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Hon. Joyce I think he was trying to persuade you to change your stand and there is nothing wrong with it. If he can convince you with his contribution then it is well and good and if not it is still fine. We proceed from there and I wanted to put the question but let us first confirm the quorum.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Since we do not quorum, I ask the sergeant at arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes. I am not seeing any of the Whips.

(Quorum Bell rings)

Hon. T. Rotich: It seems we now have quorum

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): I want to give the chance to the mover.

Hon. T. Rotich: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am grateful for the contribution from the Members and I want to tell Hon. Joyce Korir that the child has already been born. This is why we are Bomet County and we have streets, which are tarmac. These are the babies and now they need to have the names.

I thank Hon. Josphat for his contributions. He agreed that there is need for these streets to be named through a policy, which needs to be developed. This is a confirmation to Hon. Joyce that what we want in this policy is for the executive to develop a street naming criteria policy. I heard what Hon. Josphat said on the criteria of naming; that will standardize the naming of the street. Hon. Joyce will be happy to be named after a street if she meets the criteria.

There are great women in the Country who fought for independence and they should be named after the streets. It would require some input on the criteria example some cemeteries should be named using a certain criteria that will not interfere with the other naming criteria. I hope we all pass this so that we can name our streets. Thank you.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Its now my turn to put the question;

THAT, aware that one of the functions devolved under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 is that of County Planning and development, also further aware that Section 36 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 provides for the objectives of integrated urban areas and city development planning which includes the preparation of a geographic information system for a city or municipality; also aware that the County executive Committee has not developed any policy on street naming through its board of municipality, also further aware that

having a street naming policy based on a set of criteria can prevent conflict and provide a historical context for future generations in our community; this County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee to develop a street naming policy for naming of streets in our towns and municipality.

(Question put and agreed to)

❖ **MOTION**

Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. S. Towett): Hon. Korir.

Hon. Julius Korir: I wish to move a procedural motion that;

Pursuant to standing Order No. 52, this County Assembly resolves to meet to sit today at 28th March at 1200 hours instead of the normal 0230 hours. What prompted this motion is that Hon. Members have busy schedules in most of the afternoons. Therefore, we can transact our business before the normal time so that we can allow Hon. Members to meet and iron out issues with their electorates and interact with them. Given that we many business, Members can meet in their Committees so that they can clear them. I urge members to adopt this procedural motion so that we can have our business transacted at 1200 hours. I would wish to request the leader of Minority Hon. Chepkwony to second.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. These periods of the year, Members of this County Assembly are engaged in so many types of activities. I support the motion and urge the other Members of County Assembly to support it too. This point and time we are engaged in nomination and if we wait till 0230 hours, the usual time, we shall lack quorum. I urge Members that we support the motion after all we are done with most of our businesses in the morning session.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Hon. Members it is now my turn to propose the question that;

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(Motion opens for Debate)

Hon. B. Chebomui: We are all getting to a point where we need to balance things. We need to transact business in the Assembly as well as participate in the party nominations. I want to thank the deputy majority leader for being considerate and coming up with the motion. I know the Members are busy traversing the Ward.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, I support the motion.

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): Hon. Members it is now my turn to put the question that;

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(Question put and agreed to)

❖ **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. S. Towett (Temporary Speaker): I wish to notify the table office that based on the resolution of the Assembly, all the Members be notified of change of time.

Hon. Members there being no other business this Assembly adjourns until today 28th March, 2017 at 1200 hours.