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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 2:30 p. m

Third County Assembly- Second Session

Tuesday Afternoon 19th September, 2023

(The Assembly met at 2:30 p. m in the

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING REMARKS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you from recess. As per the Assembly Calendar, we resume today. We have a lot of business to undertake. I ask you to put forth all your energies towards our businesses in this Assembly. Welcome.

PAPERS

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/ Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I beg to lay the following papers on the Table of the County Assembly today, 19th September 2023:

1. The County Government Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months of the Financial Year 2022/2023.
2. The County Government's Pending Bills Report for Financial Year 2022/2023

(Hon. Member proceeded to table)

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, my question goes to the Chairperson Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Why have the residents of Kabusare sub-location and Sebe village, Ndaraweta Ward have not yet benefited from Ngainet water project which was launched on 26th April 2023 during the financial year 2022/2023.

In his reply, the Chairperson should state why the department has not fully implemented the project yet the pipe works have already been completed.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, before you lay your Question, let me have a look at it.

(Consultation at the Speaker's Chamber)

(Hon. Member proceeded to lay)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Dancel, thank you. The Committee on Energy, Environment, Water, and Natural Resources has 14 days to dispense with that Question.

Hon. Leader of Majority; for the Papers that you have tabled, I commit the Paper on The County Government Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months of the Financial Year 2022/2023 to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation. You have 30 days to dispense with that business.

You have also laid the Paper on The County Government's Pending Bills Report for Financial Year 2022/2023 and I commit it to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation. The committee has 30 days to dispense with that matter.

I urge all the Sectoral Committees to also go through that and have their inputs given to the budget and appropriations committee. Budgets and Appropriations Committee have 30 days to dispense with it but for the sectorial committees, you have one week to give your inputs.

I have also noted that at the Speaker's gallery, we have a visitor amongst us. Her name is Hon. Dora Keino, nominated MCA from Kericho County. Kindly welcome her with a round of applause.

(Applause)

Thank you very much. Clerk. *(Speaker Consults with Clerk)*. Thank you very much, clerk. We have a statement that was raised on the 6th of June 2023 by the hon. Josphat Kipkirui concerning the appointment of one Mr. Kipkoech Rono Micah as Early Childhood Development Education Assistant in the County Education Panel. In his reply the chairperson was required to state the reason why the appointment letter dated 10th July 2020 was withdrawn by the County Public Service Board. The reason why the decision of the Public Service Commission dated 28th March 2023 on the appeal against the revocation of the appointment of the said person has not been implemented by the County Public Service Board.

Part C, when the County Public Service Board intends to comply with the Public Service Commission's decision regarding the person.

I committed this question to the Committee on Labour and Public Service. Chair Labour and Public Service.

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I request for additional 14 days to enable the committee to respond to the matter conclusively. The committee resolved to respond to the statement using a multi-dimensional approach which

involves seeking views from the County Public Service Board, the affected person, Mr. Micah Kipkoech Rono, and other stakeholders. The committee has since invited the County Public Service Board and Mr. Micah Kipkoech Rono to testify before the committee on the issues at hand. Last week on Wednesday the committee had a session with Mr. Andrew Koech who is the chairperson Kiparbarta ECD centre where Mr. Micah Kipkoech Rono the affected person was stationed and discharged his duties before the revocation of his employment by the County Public Service Board. At the moment Mr. Speaker, the committee is still seeking some additional information from the County Public Service Board to determine this pertinent issue. The Committee resolved to develop a report with water-tight recommendations concerning the issue surrounding the revocation of the employment of Mr. Micah Kipkoech Rono and other related cases. I thus request for an additional 14 days to enable the committee to conclude on this matter and present this Assembly a comprehensive report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much chair of Labour and Public Service. I have heard your view and I grant you 14 days. You report back to this house you table the report on the 3rd of October.

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. I had earlier committed the Bomet County pending bills report for the financial year 2022/2023 to the Budget and Appropriation Committee but the honorable member from Rongena/Manaret has just alluded to me that if it is a matter of pending bills there is a lot of urgency pertaining to this pending bills report. I want to advise them that the Budget and Appropriations Committee has seven days to deal with this matter. The committee should present a report by next week 27th September, 2023. That time is enough for us to extend this matter because of the urgency of the business that is here before us.

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): On the order of statements that you have raised and I heard you touching on your earlier ruling on the process of the issue of the pending bills and revise the time that you had given to the committee so that they can report earlier than the usual time. Mr. Speaker, on this matter of statements, I have heard the Hon. chair or labor read a very long request to you and ask that he be added 14 more days. Mr. Speaker in my view, this person, Kipkoech Rono Micah could be waiting for this particular matter and they say that justice denied, delayed actually is justice denied. Mr. Speaker can it bother you that since 6th of June 2023 and still asking for 14 more days why dint you even give 2 days instead of the 14 days so that we can be able to give a response. The world is watching and the county at large is watching at our Assembly and they are asking how is it that from this 6th of June we are still

asking for more time. Don't we have the answer to this particular statement? If not, we can be able to refer this individual to court if we cannot be able to help. We can be able to refer him ahead by your power.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much hon. Kiprotich from Chepchabas Ward. The problem with precedence is that if you give one ruling you will have to be fair to the other subsequent rulings too. The Chair of Labour and Public Service Committee has prayed to this Assembly to be given 7 days as opposed to 2 days that Hon. Kiprotich had proposed, I grant you 7 days and you report back on 27th September, 2023.

(Hon. B. Rotich accepts the ruling)

You report back next week the 27th, thank you.

(Point of order)

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker on the issue of the pending bills that you committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, where is the role of PAC/PIC in this?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Charles I know you are the chair of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee but you also belong to other sectorial committees. I have committed it to the budget and appropriation committee but for the other sectors kindly note that this document is for funds that have not been expended, it will only turn to your committee after the money has been expended by the county government. As of now, this money has not been paid and therefore it belongs to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. After this quarter it will be your business, honourable chair.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, U.D.A): Much obliged your honour.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I have seen also in the public gallery we have visitors from Rongena/Manaret ward Wilson Kosgei, Thomas Mutai, Moses Cheruiyot and Rev. Victor Tonui. Thank you very much for gracing our Assembly. Since you are from Rongena/Manaret ward I will grant the member from that ward to say a word of welcome.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker allow me to welcome the visitors from Rongena Ward. You are most welcome to this County Assembly and I believe you followed what we are doing in this Assembly, especially as a representative of Rongena I think...

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Before you proceed I want to caution the members to consult in low tones

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, U.D.A): Thank you Hon. Speaker I just want to inform our visitors that one of our roles here is to ensure that we legislate and I am here to

represent them and ensure that anything that belongs Rongena stays Rongena. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I can see Hon. Langat; do you have something to say?

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, U.D.A): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I had a point of concern from my residents. Having been in that long recess, I was able to interact with my electorates and they are concerned that the county government is 1 year in office and little has happened.

I wanted to pass this message to these members of the public to give us a little time as we wait for this El-Nino rain to subside because we are affected by climatic changes. Otherwise, us is just passing the budget, giving them time to do it because ours is just legislation when they give us policy we pass it. We do presentations at this honourable house at the same time we are doing oversight on what they have done. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honourable Benard, in normal circumstances you are supposed to seek a statement on the same.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, U.D.A): I was just informing the public.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Anyway you've just made your statement it was ruled to be expended backwards.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Hon. Members and members at the public gallery. I want to thank them for joining us. We are now back for serious business. Therefore, I adjourn this Assembly up to tomorrow 9:30 am on 20th September. Thank you very much.

The Assembly rose at 3:05 pm