



OFFICIAL HANSARD REPORT

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BOMET

THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY DEBATES

DAILY HANSARD

The Assembly met at the Main Assembly Chamber,

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

Third County Assembly- Second Session

Wednesday Afternoon 20th September, 2023

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

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Welcome to the afternoon session members.

PETITIONS

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have the committee report on petition number 1 of 2022 on the enactment of legislation on the Protection and Sustainable Management of Water Sources, water resources and riparian zones in the county of Bomet.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you, the findings in the petition will be posted on our wall and I ask the Hon. Members we deliberate on the same tomorrow at 2:30 pm. Thank you.

Hon. D. Ngeno (Kongasis Ward, C.C.M): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to Lay the following Paper at the table of the County Assembly today Wednesday 20th September 2023. The County Public Investments and Accounts Committee report on the report of the Auditor General on the Bomet Water Company Limited for the financial year ended 30th June 2019. I beg to lay.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Kindly proceed.

The member lays the paper at the table of the county assembly

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you Vice Chair PAC/PIC for the report I ask the Business and Rules Committee to slot time for debate on the same report. Thank you.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker I beg to know through the chair committee on Labour and Public Service Board whether the County Government has the following policies in existence.

- a) The human resource policy and procedural manual.
- b) The career progression manual.

- c) Training and development policy.
- d) Code of conduct that is discipline manual.
- e) Staff establishment and succession planning or any other manual that is currently being implemented by the human resource department.
- f) Scheme of service for the E.C.D.E teachers.

If the aforementioned documents are in existence and being implemented, I request that I be furnished with their copies. If the documents are not in existence, what documents are being used by the human resource department in managing the county government staff? These are serious issues because our staff in this county are going through a lot of challenges and that is why we need these policies to know if there are any policies existing so that we know who is not doing the right thing and if there is any policy from the same. It is now 10 years down the line since this devolved system of government has taken and we are staying without these policies they are now passing through a lot of challenges. There are no promotions and there is no scheme of service for the E.C.D.E teachers.

You find recently their salaries are being taxed on a different job group while earning a salary of a different cadre.

We need to know more from the chair Labour and Public Service Committee as soon as possible. I beg that you give them a short period of time to respond since these E.C.D.E teachers are passing through a lot of challenges.

The reason why I ask these questions is that, recently we lost our doctors who resigned and are employed in other counties due to lack of promotions which had been delayed for long time. Hon. Deputy Speaker, we are in a problem with our County Public Service Board and we need to know these policies if they are in place first. Thank you I beg to table.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Kindly proceed.

The member tabled the statement

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I commit the statement to the committee on Labour and Public Service and the chair should respond to this Assembly within 14 days.

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo ward, INDEPENDENT): Agreed honourable Deputy Speaker

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to inquire a statement from the committee on Finance and Economic Planning regarding the following matters;

- i) The committee provides reason why the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) has failed to present a finance bill for the current financial year and two preceding financial years for consideration by the county assembly as required by section 132 subsection 2 of the P.F.M Act.

- ii) Negligence to make a pronouncement on the revenue-raising measures. The same section 132 of the P.F.M Act requires C.E.C.M for finance to make a pronouncement on the revenue-raising measures. Therefore, I request the committee to furnish us with the said information.
- iii) The legal framework for taxation: Could the Committee clarify the legal framework that the county government is currently utilizing to impose taxes within Bomet County, especially given that the last finance bill was enacted during the 2020/21 financial year? In this context, could the Committee ascertain the legality and validity of the current taxation practices within the county and provide details on any relevant regulations or legal provisions that govern taxation within Bomet County?

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

The member tabled the statement

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you hon. member. The statement which has been raised is committed to the Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and I.C.T. Is the Chair of the Finance Committee present?

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, U.D.A): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have noted it and we will deliberate on the issues in the shortest time possible and table a report. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I will give you 14 days to act on the matter and report to this Assembly. In our public gallery is Enock Ngeno from Ndaraweta ward. You are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): The Assembly is adjourned to tomorrow 21st September 2023 at 2:30 pm.

The Assembly rose at 2:55 pm