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The Assembly met at the Main Assembly Chamber,

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

Third County Assembly- Second Session

Tuesday Afternoon 26th 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

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Kindly ring the quorum bell for five minutes.

Quorum bell rung

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE LAUNCH OF PLANT MACHINERY BY H.E THE GOVERNOR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, thank you for attending this session. I have received Communication from His Excellency the Governor who has invited all the Members to the launching of plant machinery tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. You are all welcome. Let us keep time to attend to that activity.

The Hon. Members from the UDA party are also invited to a meeting on Friday, 29th September 2023 in Nairobi. Thank you.

PETITION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS ON PETITION NO.1 OF 2023 ON WAIVER OF PENALTIES
AND INTERESTS ON PLOT RENTS AND RATES BY DR. WILSON KIPSANG ROP

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the report of the Committee on Petitions on Petition No.1 of 2023 on waiver of penalties and interests on plot rents and rates by Dr. Wilson Kipsang Rop.

Hon. Member laid the report

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you, Chairperson. You will read that Petition to the Hon. Members in tomorrow's afternoon session at 2:30 p.m.

PAPERS

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE BOMET WATER COMPANY LIMITED FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday, 26th 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 2020

Hon. Member laid the Paper

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE
STATEMENT RAISED BY HON. STEPHEN CHANGMORIK ON THE STATUS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING
CENTRES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. E. Kipkemai (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday, 26th September 2023:

The Second Report of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports on the Statement raised by Hon. Stephen Changmorik on the status of Vocational Training Centres in the County.

Hon. Member laid the Paper

Hon. D. Ngeno rose on a point of order

Hon. D. Ngeno (Kongasis Ward, CCM): Hon. Speaker, I looked at the Hon. Member from Singorwet Ward as he laid his paper on the Petition and I noticed that he was not properly dressed for the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member for Singorwet Ward, how are you not properly dressed?

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker, I am properly dressed just like Hon. Denis.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Kindly stand straight so that we can see how you are dressed.

(Hon. Josphat Kipkirui rose)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I am sorry Hon. Member; you are not properly dressed. You are wearing jeans to this Hon. Assembly? I will ask the Hon. Member to step out and get a proper dress code for this Assembly. Thank you.

Hon. V. Rop rose on a point of order

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, likewise Hon. D. Ngeno is not properly dressed. He is in a khaki trouser.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Kindly rise Hon. Dennis. I think Hon. Dennis is properly dressed.

There are Papers which have been laid. The County Assembly Business and Rules Committee should meet and schedule a time for these businesses. As I had earlier said, the Petition on waiver of penalties and interests on plot rents and rates will be heard in tomorrow's afternoon sitting at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE
STATEMENT RAISED BY HON. STEPHEN CHANGMORIK ON THE STATUS OF VOCATIONAL
TRAINING CENTRES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion: THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 201 (5) (e), this County Assembly resolves to adopt the Second Report of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports on the Statement raised by the Hon. Stephen Changmorik on the status of the vocational training centres in the county.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, can you say the Standing Order once again?

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, it is Standing Order No. 201 (5) (e).

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi proceeded to lay the notice of motion.

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker I beg to give notice of the following motion That pursuant to Standing Order number 198, 2 this county resolves to adopt the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee report on the report of the Auditor General on Bomet Water Company Limited for the financial year ended 30th June 2020, I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Standing order number?

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, U.D.A): 198, 2. I am giving a Notice of Motion.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): It is correct honourable member you can proceed to give the notice.

Hon. C. Langat proceeded to Lay the Notice of Motion

Thank you very much. As the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee meet later they prioritize on those two notices of motion that have been given by the honourable chair Education, Youths and Sports and also chair PAC/PIC. Thank you very much.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker I wish to seek a comprehensive statement from the chairperson committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the status of the newly constructed market stalls within Bomet town market. In the statement the committee should state the name of the contractor awarded the contract of construction of the said market stalls. The cost of construction, the scope of works and the timelines of the project. State whether the construction of the market stalls was within the approved procurement plans and if so provide relevant documents to that effect. State the reason why accessibility of constructed market stalls by persons with disabilities was not taken into consideration. State whether the construction of the said market stalls is complete and functioning. I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed. Any other question or statement? Clerk may I have a look at the question. Chair trade and tourism, and cooperatives? Are you the one? You have two weeks to act on this.

MOTION

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker we are ready with the report but it is the request of the members through your consideration that we defer to next week for members to interact more on this report. It is a weighty report touching largely on the county. With a lot of respect and honour I beg you give guidance on that, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Hon. Charles Langat chairperson Public Investment and Accounts Committee. I want to ask the members whether have read this report. Hon. Members have you read the report that the honourable member has?

The members responded in contrary

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I, therefore, grant the request as per your prayer that you have your time for this motion on next week Wednesday 9:30 am

Hon. C. Langat (Boito ward, U.D.A): Thank you hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Majority leader I'm told you have something.

Hon. P. Kirui (Majority Leader, Ndanai/Abosi Ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker I beg to move a Procedural Motion that pursuant to Standing Order 28, 4 this County Assembly resolves to alter its calendar so as to adjourn today Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 2:30 pm until Wednesday 27th September at 2:30 pm. This has been necessitated by the fact that the Speaker communicated earlier in this sitting that the governor will launch plant machinery tomorrow. I, therefore, request that you approve this Procedural Motion so that we get time to attend. I ask Hon. Whip to second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honourable whip is Hon. Richard Ruttoh.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Majority whip, Chemaner Ward, U.D.A): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to second what the Majority Leader has said. As we all know tomorrow H.E Prof. Hillary Barchok will be flagging off and commissioning the plant machinery and it will be very important for us as elected leaders representing different wards to join His Excellency in commissioning the machines and also give hope to our electorate. At the moment what the electorate is waiting for us is just what we had promised during the campaign and I second the adjournment so that we can have time to accompany the governor in that important exercise. Thank you. I second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Hon. Richard Ruttoh who is also the Majority Whip. Therefore, propose that pursuant to Standing Order 28, 4 this County Assembly resolves to alter its calendar so as to adjourn today Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 2:30 pm to Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 2:30 pm. The floor is now open for the members to debate on it.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, U.D.A): Thank you hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to support the Procedural Motion to alter the calendar. However, my attention has been drawn by a poster doing rounds on social media platforms purporting to invite only elected MCAs to attend the launch of plant machinery tomorrow. I haven't seen your portrait in the poster and also the portraits of the thirteen nominated Members of the County Assembly photos. I don't know if a portion of this Assembly has been invited. I want to bring to attention to this Assembly that we are specially elected and our special attendance is also needed. I support the adjournment and also we meet during the United Delegates Conference for the United Democratic Alliance. n the NDC meeting for the UDA. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much hon. Victor, any other member who wants to contribute to that?

Hon. P. Mutai (Sigor Ward, UDA) Thank you. I wish also to support the motion moved by Majority Leader on the adjournment for us to attend the launch of road construction machines and I believe there is a letter that you have posted inviting all the Members of the County Assembly, the elected and the nominated. You have posted in the group and all members are welcome regardless of whether your portrait appears in that or not you are highly welcome to the launch.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to support the motion raised by our Majority Leader on adjournment for tomorrow's function. We have waited for that function for a long time.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): Thank you

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker I rise to support the motion on adjournment put forward by Majority Leader. We also have another function ahead and I seek to support the motion with amendment so that we adjourn up to next week Tuesday.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): You are seeking the amendment of the motion to next week Tuesday?

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Yes. Next week Tuesday.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Kindly liaise with the clerk-at-table.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Deputy Speaker, is that an amendment?

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Yes, I already have the amendment.

Hon. Speaker C. Korir: Kindly bring I approve first before you table it. It has to pass through the speaker before you table it.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): The floor is yours.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker, Chesoan Ward, UDA): Pursuant to standing order 60, I rise to seek amendment of the Procedural Motion so as to adjourn from today Tuesday 2.30 pm to next week Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 2.30 pm. This is to allow us to attend to these very important functions; the launch of construction machines and the invitation to attend the party meeting at the headquarters in Nairobi. I ask honorable Charles to second.

Hon. C. Langat (MCA Boito Ward, UDA): Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the amendment of the motion from the majority that the Assembly be adjourned to next week because we have two major events which is the launching of the machines tomorrow and the invitation by our party leader on 29th September. In between, we need to prepare ourselves to travel. I urge all the members to support this amendment for those two major functions. Thank you hon. Speaker. I second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much the Leader of the Majority, Hoh. Deputy Speaker and Hon. Charles Langat for the motion that had been brought forth and also for the amendment that you are proposing.

Amended Procedural Motion proposed

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Nathan.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Thank you hon. Speaker for the opportunity. I rise to support the Motion that we adjourn until next week on Tuesday. This will allow us to attend the

two most important functions starting from tomorrow when we will be launching the heavy machines. Hon. Speaker, we have been waiting for the launch of these machines for a very long time. I am even contemplating waking up tomorrow at 5.30 a.m. I will be there before 7 a.m so that at least the people from my ward shall know that I have also been waiting for the same. Whenever I go meet the people in my Ward they ask me what happened to the machines that the county bought. On Thursday according to the invitation from the party, I saw that we are supposed to pick some cards on Thursday. This will allow us to prepare ourselves in advance. Hon. Victor mentioned something. The letter that was forwarded to you and was forwarded to our groups is inviting everyone. Maybe whatever is circulating on social media, was only means that those who were elected are ahead of the others (*Murmurs*) but it does not mean you are not invited, all of us are invited.

When we supported the idea that the governor buys the machines, we all supported it as an Assembly. Maybe the only difference is that whenever a question arises from the Ward, personally I come with honorable Caroline from the ground but when people are asking about the road construction starts, they don't ask Hon. Caroline but they ask me. That could be the reason why. Thank you, honorable speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Vincent Mutai.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I also like to support the motion...

(Interjection by the speaker)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Serjeant-at-Arms kindly inform the Hansard team to work on the audio system. Kindly be patient as it is being fixed.

Audio interruption is restored

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also rise to support the motion with amendment having in our mind the invitation. There is a major event that is taking place tomorrow and it is good enough having received the invitation from the County Executive that we attend the launch tomorrow. One other event which I want to advance is the National Delegates Conference that is happening in Nairobi for the United Democratic Party (UDA). That is a special invitation and it is my duty as a nominated MCA from the UDA Party to attend to advance the party issues at the county level. I also take this opportunity to urge my colleagues Hon. Members from the UDA party and extend the same to the members from the Chama Cha Mashinani party because they have formally joined us and we are now one party. I am wondering why the Hon. Members from the CCM party did not receive the invitation. I extend the same and appeal that we attend the NDC at Bomas, Nairobi. The arrangements have been made and the

members from Bomet County will receive their invitation cards. There is someone who will be ready to give them the cards. Otherwise, see you in Nairobi Ho. Members.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Peter.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward, INDEPENDENT): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also rise to support the motion of adjournment. I also want to support the launch of road construction machines tomorrow as an independent MCA. We have four independent and three Members from CCM party who will not be attending the Thursday meeting or the Friday meeting with the president. I do not know if this is a Kenya Kwanza meeting or the UDA Meeting. I want to seek guidance from the Speaker so that we shall not be following you to Nairobi. I support the motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much, any other member? Thank you very much, who is ready to answer the honorable member? He is seeking guidance on whether he or she should attend. Honorable Caroline.

Hon. C. Chelangat (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to answer my colleague. I have forgotten his name... (*Laughter*) but the invitation was (*Speaker interjects*)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable member as you rise first do you support the motion or ...

Hon. C. Chelangat (Nominated MCA, UDA): I am supporting the motion.

Hon. Speaker C. Korir: So you start by supporting the motion then you answer the honorable member.

Hon. C. Chelangat (Nominated MCA, UDA): Okay, thank you. I support the motion for the day because the two functions are very important. Let me talk about the one for Friday.

Point of Order

Hon. C. Langat (MCA Boito Ward, UDA): Is the member right to answer the honorable member or she is just informing? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Do you wish to be informed? Thank you, proceed.

Hon. Peter accepts to be informed

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): I want to inform Hon. Member that as per the invitation card, it was written UDA, not Kenya Kwanza. That is what I have. (*Laughter*)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. Honorable Peter you are...

Hon. P. Langat Merigi Ward, INDEPENDENT): Yeah that is what I was expecting because I did not see that invitation. I was to be informed. Thank you. (*Laughter*)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. I don't know, the mover of the motion. We now have two motions, a motion by the Majority Leader and the amended version so I will move with the second one, amending the first motion.

Question put and agreed to

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker C. Korir: Hon. Members, we had agreed that we are handling the petition that was supposed to be heard on September 27th afternoon and was to be undertaken by the chair petitions is also be moved to 3rd October 2023. This Assembly is adjourned up to Tuesday 3rd October at 2.30 pm. Thank you very much.

The Assembly rose at 3.20 p.m