

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



**BOMET COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

**(OFFICIAL REPORT)**

**DAILY HANSARD**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

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## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

*The Assembly met at the Chamber,*

*Main Assembly Buildings at 9:00 a. m.*

*[Hon. Speaker (Hon. Nelson Mutai) in the Chair]*

### PRAYER

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### WELCOMING REMARKS

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, it has been a long recess and I must welcome all of you once again to the session. I understand it was a rigorous period of our campaigns. I welcome you back to the County Assembly of Bomet.

I also wish you the best of luck as you look for votes. Similarly, I pray for you and wish you God's blessings.

*(Applause)*

#### DATA REQUEST BY COUNTY ASSEMBLIES FORUM

Secondly, is a data request for aspirants for elective positions for the Members of the County Assembly by the County Assemblies Forum (CAF). The forum will be holding an Annual General Meeting from 6<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022 in Nakuru City County. The forum wishes to recognize the MCAs who will be vying for other elective positions in the next General Elections in August 2022.

In this regard, the CAF wishes to get data from MCAs before tomorrow the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for purposes of seamless planning of the AGM and that will allow the forum to give recognition to the Members who will be vying for other positions. They have provided a template where you provide details of your county, member's name, current position, aspiring position, and the name of the constituency. This data will be collected after this session by the Serjeant-At-Arms office.

Thank you.

## PAPERS

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Davis.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I wish everybody a happy belated new year. I also welcome all the Members to the House.

Office of the Controller of Budget Report on the County Government Budget Implementation Review for the Financial Year 2020/2021.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022;

The Office of the Controller of Budget Report on the County Government Budget Implementation Review for the Financial Year 2020/2021.

### *Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, the Paper stands committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation Committee. The report should be tabled within 30 days.

Bomet County Public Service Board Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Davis.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022;

The Bomet County Public Service Board Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### *Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, the Paper stands committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service to bring the report within 21 days.

APPROVED COUNTY STAFF ESTABLISHMENT 2021.

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**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Davis.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022; The Bomet County Public Service Board Approved County Staff Establishment 2021.

*Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, the Paper stands committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service and they should bring the report within 21 days.  
Hon. Davis.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022; report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Bomet County Assembly for the Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

*Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, I commit it to the committee on Public Accounts and Investments committee and they should bring report within 30 days. Hon. Davis.

**Hon D. Kipkirui:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to lay the report of the auditor general on the financial statements of the County Executive of Bomet for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

*Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): I commit the report of auditor general on financial statement of County Government of Bomet on the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and the Public Investments and Accounts Committee to come up with a report within 60 days. Members, the recess has been long however, no committee decided to work during the holiday. Anyway, we have a lot of things to do and we were busy with our campaigns. Let us see how we can work on what is pending on our various committee before we break in the next few months. Hon. Davis.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Honourable Speaker I beg to give the following notice of motion today Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 that pursuant to standing order 156(1) this County Assembly approves the appointment of the following members of the County Assembly House business committee;

1. Hon Nelson Mutai Speaker
2. Hon Josphat Kirui: Leader of Majority Party
3. Hon Andrew Maritim: Leader of Minority Party
4. Hon Davis Kipkirui: Majority Whip
5. Hon Robert Kiprono Langat: Minority Whip
6. Hon Weldon Kirui: MCA
7. Hon Winnie Bore: MCA
8. Hon Clara Cherotich MCA
9. Hon Janet Turgut: MCA
10. Hon Joseph Kelong: MCA

Honorable Speaker, I beg to lay.

*Paper Laid*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): I direct that the motion be debated today the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 8, 2022 at 2.30pm.

*Hon. Serbai rises on a point of order*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Serbai.

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Mr. Speaker I stand on a point of order to touch on the issue you raised on committees. We tried so much but we could not make because we had a lot of work; more so in the Public Accounts and Investments Committee. Honorable Speaker I think you should convene Speaker's Kamukunji so that we can discuss several issues in the absence of the cameras. We understand there is a Supplementary Budget and other things. For every reasonable member here, if we are told we need to have a Supplementary budget; what has been implemented to warrant a Supplementary budget? We cannot be here to approve the Supplementary budget before we are told what kind of percentage has been implemented in the main budget. We also need to know how many CEC'S and CO'S have resigned because whenever you go to their offices they are not available. The county government is not pleasing.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Maritim.

**Hon. A. Maritim:** Honorable Speaker, we have been in a long recess and I hope majority of

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the members here met with their electorates as they are preparing themselves for the party nominations and I wish you all well. Mr. Speaker, after the Political Amendment Bill was Assented to, it has changed the way we conduct our nominations. I know that it is not an easy task but a task that needs an extra mind.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to concur with Hon. Serbai. Indeed, we were shocked that Executive can decide to come up with a Supplementary budget. What is it for? There is nothing that has been implemented in this financial year Mr. Speaker. There is no tender that we have seen placed in national circulation daily newspapers. Nothing has been advertised especially in terms of development and we wonder about where the money has gone. The absorption rate is shocking. I think every member here can attest that we have never seen any advert of any work to be done in majority of our wards yet we pretend that we want to do a Supplementary budget. This is a bad show. If this House is going to pass such a Supplementary budget, I think it will be just a goodbye message. This will just create false impression in the public that there is some work that has been done. I think we need to go more than what we think about. Thank you.

*Hon. W. Kirui rose on a point of order*

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Kirui.

**Hon. W. Kirui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order where we seem to be discussing a motion that is not before the House as the Supplementary budget that was tabled. So, it is only fair if you adjourn and call the Speaker's Kamukunji to dispense with this.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Haron.

**Hon. H. Kirui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am also excited today after a long recess, to meet with my colleagues when they are all happy. Hon. Speaker, it is a very exciting moment and a funny one when we got informed that we are in the last session before we end. It is full of a lot mixture between excitement and worries and several things running in our minds. All the same Hon. Speaker, I wish to say that, when we were in recess, as you have said, we did not have much, but I wish to appreciate the members of the Budget and Appropriation committee who were able to sit during this recess to consider the Supplementary budget. Hon. Speaker, as the members are concerned, I wish to inform them that the Supplementary budget was tabled, committed before my committee and it is taking through the necessary processes. We

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are also asking the same questions that the members are asking and I wish to assure the members that one of the things that members of Budget and Appropriation committee raised was the expenditure report from the departments so that we get to know what they have done, what they have spent, and why they are asking for the supplementary budget. So, I wish to inform the members who are equally concerned as the committee.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Serbai.

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry if I have offended anyone here but my point of concern was only to raise the issues so that we can discuss these matters before the Speaker's Kamukunji but it is not a subject of discussion as of now. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): I think members that if I give you a chance, you can make your maiden speech this new year, we still have time. Hon. Kirui.

**Hon. H. Kirui:** I was making a comment Hon. Speaker touching on my committee which has done a good work including Hon. Serbai, member committee, yet raising questions. I wish to say Hon. Speaker that the year started very well and I wish Hon. Members a happy new year. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Ambrose.

**Hon. A. Koech:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wish to pass the best wishes for the year 2022 to my colleagues and wish to say at the opening of this year, some of us had an opportunity to visit Rwanda although Covid-19 was a bit too high but we managed to sail through. It was so scaring when some people were found positive but we thank God that they are okay and we came back safely. We really thank this Assembly for the prayers we received. We thank you for the support through the Clerk's and Speaker's office. We also discovered that in Rwanda; rules are being followed to the extent that all motorcycles carrying passengers must carry one passenger with a helmet. Their roads are managed by CCTVs which can always capture lawbreakers, send charges to their mobile phones and have to pay for charges within 3 days. So, there are no police officer standing on the road stopping people and interrogating them. I was sharing that with you and wish to thank this Assembly for sponsoring us to visit Rwanda which is rated as the biggest Capital in Africa. Thank very much Hon speaker.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you. Hon. Z. Kilel, would you like to say something?

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**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I congratulate Hon. A. Koech for an important visit but the only thing we require as a House is a report to be Tabled. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Clara.

**Hon. C. Cherotich:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I wish all of us well for the work ahead of us, especially those vying for MCA and Women Representative positions in this House. I wish you all well. Let me also inform Hon. A. Koech that we, Kenyans are also organized. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Langat.

**Hon. A. Langat:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for according me an opportunity to appreciate the fact that we have come a long way. I welcome the Members back to the Assembly. This sixth session is our last session in the Assembly and is full of activities. My plea is that Members require a lot of resources. Hon. Speaker, Sir, as a father of all of us, this is an opportunity for you to prepare us well for us to find the best ways of coming back for the next session.

Being the invisible chair of welfare, this is an opportunity for me to say thank you for the period that we have served our people. We are going back to the people and they expect a lot from us. We are glad that most of the Members were coming back from Rwanda and other places outside the republic. Were it not for this chance to be here, we would not have travelled outside this country. I appreciate the efforts and the support that the County Assembly Service Board; with you as the Chair, has been able to offer. I know there is a special thing that you are preparing to offer to these Members to make their pockets a bit huge and warm to prepare themselves to come back for the first session of 2022.

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Serbai.

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I have read the mood of the House. It seems that each Member here is worried whether they are going to come back or not. I had requested in Kisumu for someone who will counsel hon. Members. How far has it gone? Honestly speaking, not all of us will get the opportunity to be back. Hon. Speaker, Sir, could you prepare a retreat to council Members so that these Members can prepare to accept the results?



**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Maritim.

**Hon. A. Maritim:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I applaud the Senate for passing a Bill that the government including the county governments should pay contractors and suppliers within the stipulated time frame. If they fail to pay within the agreed time, the accounting officers will be fined up to a tune of Ksh. 1 million. Personally, I applaud the Senate for passing such a Bill. This issue will manage pending bills, Hon. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker** (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 10:00 am