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The Assembly met at the Mini-Chamber,

Main Assembly Buildings at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, I had earlier ruled that we have our next Session next Tuesday but due to the new developments, including some expected visitors, we have to proceed with today's afternoon Session.

RETREAT TO CONSIDER BUDGET ESTIMATES

Secondly, there was a retreat planned to consider the budget. I am still waiting for official communication from the County Executive. Therefore, you shall receive official communication from the Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

VISITING DELEGATION OF STUDENTS FROM KAPSIMOTWO MIXED DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Lastly, let me recognise the presence of teachers and students from Kapsimotwo Mixed Day Secondary School. Karibuni sana. This is Bomet County Assembly where your issues are considered by honourable Members. You are advised to remain silent and watch the proceedings as the Members deliberate.

Thank you. Hon. Kirui.

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, on that note, I request to take a special time to recognise the teachers and students from the said school. These are students from my Ward and my immediate neighbourhood. I wish to take time to welcome them officially as the Chair did. This reminds me of the time when I was also in high school. I used to be in a debating club. Little did I know that one day I will be in this House.

Those days, we used to have debates on motions like “a teacher is better than a doctor” and the opposing group will say” a doctor is better than a teacher.” I would stand up boldly and say “a

teacher is better than a doctor” because to become a doctor, you must be taught by a teacher and I will defend my point.

Today I am in this Chamber debating what originated then while in school. I am happy to invite these students because they will be leaders in the future. They are here to learn about devolution and I want to tell them this is part of devolution. The Constitution states that there shall be a county government comprising of the county executive and the county assembly. I welcome to the County Assembly of Bomet.

Thank you.

PAPERS

BOMET COUNTY TOURISM POLICY 2021

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

Hon. D. Maritim: Hon. Speaker, thank you. I beg to Table a Report of the Committee of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the Bomet County Tourism Policy 2021, Sessional No. 2 of 2021. I beg to lay.

(The honourable Member laid the document)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): I commit the Paper to the House Business Committee to slot time for debate in the Assembly.

STATEMENTS

PENDING BUSINESS

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

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, it has been long but we are still in this County Assembly until a certain date within our term. We have been raising a number of statements. Does it mean we are going to break *sine die* without the statements being answered? Are the Members concerned? Is it that their time has expired and that they are not supposed to be in this House? We have been seeking several questions including the one on the *ad hoc* Committee and nobody has answered. What is going to happen since we are remaining with a few days and we need to finish up the work?

Secondly, we have had problems with the audit reports because the person who should guide on the report is a representative from the Auditor General’s Office. We have several projects to dispense within our term.

Mr. Speaker, kindly with your wise leadership solve this problem. Thank you.

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

Hon. A. Langat: Mr. Speaker, owing to the sentiments that have been made by my colleague, we already know the timelines. It is also a good opportunity for us to have the records of the remaining business. We should have an account of the remaining businesses.

Secondly, I am also seeking the Chair's indulgence when making a ruling on issues do to with the reports that are required from the Members. They should be delivered within the shortest time possible because time has become a delaying tactic. Some of the officials and staff are taking a lot of time. They waste time because they know we are approaching to the end of our term.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Chepkwony.

Hon. J. Chepkwony (**D. Leader of Minority**): Hon. Speaker, I am rising on what Hon. R. Serbai said about the Statements that are pending. It is something which should be addressed immediately so that we know how to process it. We shall not compromise the laziness of those who have not done their part. Therefore, the sine die motion should be scheduled for next week.

Lastly, to the students before us today, I wish that they be good leaders in future. We are expecting them to copy and have something great to learn from this House. I know they are seeing different sitting arrangements but they should worry because they will be shown why we are sited in arrangement. I welcome you to Bomet County Assembly.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members in view of the fact that the term of this Second Assembly will expire on the 10th August 2022, the Members and the Committees are still functional and I urge the Chairs of various Committees to look at what has been committed to them so that they can finalize it before then.

We also need to extend the calendar of the current assembly because it is supposed to end on the 17th of this month. We still have time and there are pending businesses. There is also the Budget Estimates and the Supplementary Budget. So, I urge the relevant Committee, the House Business Committee to work on that item so that we have a Motion on Tuesday to extend the term. Otherwise, we are done for today. I direct that the visitors be shown around the premises of this County Assembly.

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, I thank the administration of this County Assembly because we are ending our time leaving this new building here. We also like to have the progress report in terms of what is going on the other main Chamber under construction because we had budgeted some funds The report will guide the incoming Members to know where they will start. We cannot leave

this House without any report. We need to have a progress report then we produce our own report for the benefit of those who are coming.

Thank you.

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

Hon. A. Langat: Mr Speaker, we need to evaluate our achievements that we have we realized from 2017 to date. This will entail the development and resource distribution across the county. The Chair has made a ruling that each Committee should track the pending businesses and forward them. There are also certain things that were not directed to the any of the Committees including the end year celebrations. I do not know which Committee should be assigned

Secondly, I recognise and welcome the students present in the public gallery today. The first administration failed completely to establish anything but we are proud of having the best structure for posterity. Those are parts of the reports that we will need to have from the County Assembly Service Board.

We are in an election time and most of us are still contesting while others have already decided what next to do. When we move around, and asked by the public what we did, we should have a documentary to show around.

I take this opportunity to thank a team of experts from the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) department. They interrogated us and we gave some input.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. A. Langat, along the way we will engrave the names of the current County Assembly Members for posterity. It will be known someday that this was the most progressive assembly and a good team to work with. Similarly, we will try and see what hon. R. Serbai has said. We expect the Committees to give us a Reports.

We will also hold an end year party. We will organize for it so do not worry. It is going to be achieved. I think so far we have the best team and we will forever be grateful on the way you have operated and handled the affairs of this Assembly. Thank you everyone. Have a wonderful week.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this County Assembly stands adjourned to 14th June, 2022.

The House rose at 3. 40 p.m.