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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much hon. Members. Yesterday we had visitors from Malaysia and your participation was appreciated. Today in the public gallery we have students from Kenya Star Girls High School from Kericho county, Bureti sub-county. They are thirty students, one teacher and one driver. They are here for their academic studies on History. You are welcome. As you are within the precincts of this Assembly you maintain order. You are also advised to maintain silence while in the Chambers but you are allowed to remain silent. Welcome on behalf of this member.

PAPERS

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

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you honorable Speaker, I rise to table a report from the health committee who went to Arusha on 10th to 20th December 2022. Honorable Speaker I beg to table.

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

The member tabled the report

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon: Honourable Speaker, I also have a Paper to lay but first I wish to welcome the students from Kenya Star Girls. Welcome and feel free to learn. Honourable Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the table of the county Assembly today Wednesday 15th March 2023, the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee report on the examination of the report on the auditor general on the county executive of the Bomet for the financial year ended 31st June 2020, I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Please proceed.

The member Laid the Paper

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT): Mr. Speaker, I am rushing to request for an extension for the question concerning the question asked by hon. Changmorik on vocational training centers to my committee. It coincided with the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP). Therefore, most members for the committee were engaged in deliberating on CFSP. I wish to request that we extend for the next 14 days because we plan for site visit and engaging the seeker of the statement and even the CEC, otherwise we already have response from the CEC thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Based on the facts that you have given and even the member who asked the question is not present in the Assembly, I grant your request. You will table that report on 29th March, 2023. Please be into it that time since there will be no more extension of time after that time, any other question?

Hon. P. Korir rise on a point of order

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): What is your point of order Hon. Korir?

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): Thank you honourable Speaker, is it in order for honourable speaker for the member to respond to a statement that is not in the order of this sitting?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I had indicated that anybody will answer for a question. I believe the chair yesterday in the afternoon session I had given him seven days. I believe he was just asking to request for more time and considering that honourable member from Longisa Ward Hon. Changmorik is not present today. It will be prudent for us to give them enough time to finish their assignment and get back to this Assembly on 29th March, 2023. Thank you.

MOTION

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, UDA): I rise to give a motion that pursuant to standing orders 2015 this County Assembly notes the report of the health and sanitation committee on the medical and health study mission in Arusha- Tanzania laid on the table of the assembly on Wednesday 15 March, 2023.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. P. Kirui, Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. speaker sir. I beg to move a Procedural Motion on the paper that was laid by the committee on health that we deliberate for the same. I have seen that they have brought the report and this procedural motion will open for us to debate on the same.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): You are supposed to read a statement that is there.

Majority Leader (Hon. P. Kirui, Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Thank you. Pursuant to Standing Order 20 (5) this County Assembly notes the report on health and sanitation committee on medical and health study mission in Arusha-Tanzania laid on the table of the assembly on Wednesday 15 March, 2023. I beg this Assembly to deliberate on the same because it had been tabled already. I beg Hon. Catherine to second.

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Now that this is something which is new, I will have to ask to be tabled.

Question put and agreed to

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you. So the motion come proceed.

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, UDA): thank you Mr. speaker for this opportunity allow me to give a report on our mission in Arusha Tanzania on matters health and sanitation. Mr. Speaker we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the leadership of the county assembly of Bomet for the great opportunity given to us to Arusha Tanzania mission, the county assembly board, the speaker, the clerk of the assembly and the health committee. Indeed, hon speaker, the leadership of the assembly have displayed commitment and ensure that there is adequate, sanitized and trained on areas touching on the their legislative, representative and oversight work to remain relevant and knowledgeable. We particularly acknowledge the needs for the facility, the needs and interests of the facility. The trainers showed interest during the entire session. The ethics and integrity values were awarded. The event was attended by nine delegates comprising of members of the health committee of the assembly and the staffs. The session comprised of presentations, group discussions, visitations and social events. This interactive and participatory event enriched us with teamwork and openness. At the county of Bomet, the diminishing funding of the county the delivery to the citizens has been affected. Formulation of honest and efficient funds was a key discussion. The following are areas we covered

1. Health policy framework
2. Funding health care
3. Introduction to serious mental illness
4. Organic illness
5. Mental disorder and identification
6. World health organization governance.
7. health programs and responsibilities.

8. Building trust
9. Behavior risk

Problems facing health care

1. Politics
2. Shift in demographics
3. Economic shocks
4. Globalization
5. Technology

Allow me Honorable Speaker to end there and to give my fellow colleagues whom we went to Arusha with two second.

Hon Member, I don't know whether you've shared the report to the members, you have if you have not kindly share with them.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, sir, for giving me the opportunity to contribute on the motion laid by the vice Chair health. Before that, allow me to sincerely thank this Assembly for standing with me to the time I lost my brother. This is a very important day for me, Mr. Speaker, to say thank you to my colleague for standing with me, and also for supporting me during that time, which was really a sad moment for me and my family and all the relatives. We were very glad and majorly Mr. Speaker let me say thank you to for being in front line in supporting me during that time and the leadership of this Assembly.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, allow me also to take this opportunity to welcome our students who are with us today because this is a very important day for them. And I believe, they are going to learn more. Fortunate enough I have my son in this Assembly and I'm proud because my son is following the proceedings of this assembly before me.

Coming to the motion I want to say that we sincerely thank the leadership of this Assembly for allowing us to travel Arusha. I learned a lot and without, hiding my joy it was my first time to be out of the Country and I started with the nearest one. It was a learning moment to me. Let me majorly concentrate on health matters because that is our intention of traveling to Arusha. First of all, I want to appreciate the facilitator who was with us Dr. Luke Nyawaoka for what he shared with us. We learned a lot and I realized that if we start with our facilities in in our county we are very far when it comes to health matters. Because I learned that when we compare Arusha and Kenya particularly Bomet County we are far ahead because they are still charging their members on health matters. So the doctor who was shedding light on the health matters in Arusha gave us

the image of how they are facing challenges in their country. Most politician are taking advantage of that. And they are forcing women to do what they are not supposed to do. Mr. Speaker, and I realized that though we have been lacking medicine in our facilities, it is just a matter of putting an input on the same. But once we have enough funding on our health sector I can say we are better off. I want to encourage all the members of this assembly that when it comes to health matters, let us improve. The only thing which I came to learn in Arusha in health facilities in Tanzania I realize that they are planning to ensure that is consistent supply of medicine. And they have two pharmacists in our hospital. There is a public pharmacy and a private pharmacy but it is run by the facility. When there is no medicine in the public pharmacy there is continuity of service. I want to urge our county government and county assembly to ensure that we maintain and improve our health facilities because most of our people are suffering and they are not in a position to get affordable medicine. I second is motion and I asked the members whom we went together to Arusha to contribute on the same. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, for the time you have given.

Hon. M. Manyei (Nominated MCA, UDA): thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to share what I learned in Tanzania. I want to thank the county assembly for facilitating us. The team we went together to Tanzania was such a powerful team which I don't know how they were selected because we enjoyed and we learned a lot. The one thing that I learnt in Tanzania is about dispensaries. Dispensaries are found in every village in Tanzania. And then also that is the use of NHIF and Community Health fund (CHF). The community health fund covers all children in Tanzania below 18 years old. That is the good thing we learned in Tanzania. Otherwise I don't have much to say. We enjoyed we learned a lot. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to acknowledge the fact that I am one of the members that went to Arusha, Tanzania, but I want to loud the committee the vice chair for giving us a report on that trip to Arusha. And I want to thank the team for trying to elaborate to this Assembly on their experiences in Arusha, especially around issues on healthcare. I know issues around healthcare, are very dear to our hearts in this country. And especially in this county when we when we come down here. We wake up every day to issues health and when we hear and listen to other countries experiences in terms of how they do the healthcare that you really appreciate that is a strength that we're making as a county and as a country.

(Hon E. Rotich Rose on a point of order).

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek): Mr. Speaker for Hon Kibet and Hon Philip to come this assembly and they are not properly dressed?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): It is not in order and I ask the Hon Members, I direct that the Members who have not dressed properly to leave the Chamber.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I appreciate the team that went to Arusha. On a daily basis we face a challenge on healthcare system in our county. That is why we visit various places is because of our objective to strengthen our healthcare system. However, from the report, I have not heard of any recommendation on ICT that was picked in Arusha.

I also thank the CASB for organizing such trips for us. It is educating. Next time, we should follow through on a targeted objective.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. I urge that you follow up on the team so get further information on what you have raised.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I laud the Committee on Health and Sanitation on the report they have tabled in the Assembly. I am pleased on the part that in Tanzania, there is ready availability of drugs in all health facilities. Therefore, we should forge to ensuring that we copy their system.

Finally, I welcome the students' delegation from Kenya Star Secondary School from Kapkatet. They are free to learn on county governance and enrich their future.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I congratulate the team that went to Arusha. Through the report, we have learnt a lot. The Committee on Budget and Appropriation should factor in money for procurement of adequate drugs and non-pharmaceuticals in our health facilities.

I also join my colleagues to welcome students from Kenya Star Secondary School. I am happy to see beautiful girls. I encourage them and motivate that they can be Members of County or National Assemblies.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Members who visited our neighbouring country, Tanzania. When there is good neighbouring, we have a good rapport in our community. We noted that their visit has come up with a lot of recommendations that as a county we need to look at them and implement some of them in our health sector. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would wish that the team that went for the visit, courtesy of the country that they went to, should have used the Kiswahili language to present the report. I am glad to know that Hon. Charles Langat was given a nickname. We shall be using it often because the Tanzanians must have seen something good in him.

As I wind up, I would wish to welcome Kenya Star School to this Assembly. We happen to come from the same clan with Hon. Richard so these sons belong to the two of us. I wish to welcome them and promise to bring mine soon. Otherwise, to the young girls and boys who are here, I hope you get inspired and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Josphat Kipkirui

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, Independent): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for this opportunity. I commend the Committee on Health for the comprehensive report that they have shared with us. Health matters happen to be a key component to the welfare of the social population that we represent. I laud the Committee for giving a good perspective of Tanzania on how they are managing health related issues. They only failed to give us the cancer situation in the country because that is what is eating our population at the moment. I thank them because they have informed us that there was a health policy framework and that we need to look into ours so that we compare and come up with a good policy framework that will enhance the health situation in our county.

Hon. Speaker, I am particularly concerned with the cancer menace in our country because it is becoming a disaster. I urge the Committee on Health to move swiftly and engage the department of Health so that screening can be done as soon as possible and we can be able to save our population.

Hon. Speaker, it is only that Tanzania happens to be our neighbour but I would wish that this Committee would have travelled by air because I cannot imagine travelling by bus for such a long distance. I encourage the team that next time they should consider travelling by air.

Lastly, I welcome the students who are with us today to this County Assembly. You are welcome to learn and I encourage you to make it to this Assembly in future.

Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): With all that has been said, I urge the Committee on Health to kindly act on the report in terms of what Hon. Eric and Hon. Josphat had mentioned. On the issue of language, it is up to you. If you present in English or Swahili, it is fine.

ADJOURNEMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): There being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10.10 a.m