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The Assembly met at the Main Assembly Chamber,

Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 9:00 a.m

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

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Good morning. Welcome to Tuesday, 29th March 2022 for our morning session.

Hon. H. Kirui rose on a point of order

Hon. S. Keter left the Chamber

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): What is it Hon. Kirui.

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I rise to raise a point of order concerning a Hon. Member who is not properly dressed. He has noticed that I am raising that point of order and he has just left the Chamber therefore, my point of order is overtaken by events.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you, Hon. Haron Kirui. Hon. Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Chairperson for the Committee on Budget and Appropriation for having observed what happened. However, is he in order to be observing what is happening here while the 2021/2022 budget has not been implemented to date yet he is quick to judge this? He is supposed to be sitting with the committee to see the budget of the said financial year. It is a great shame on this county that nothing was done in this financial year.

Thank you.

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

Hon. A. Maritim (Leader of Minority): Hon. Speaker, I wish to echo what Hon. R. Serbai has just said. The Chairperson is observant on issues that are of no importance. The County Executive has siphoned all the monies for the entire period. The whole of this financial year, there was nothing done. The monies were looted yet the Chairperson of the committee is monitoring how a Member puts on a tie. It is bad when a Member starts looking at small things yet the county is rotting.

Secondly, this County Assembly is mourning because Hon. A. Koskei lost his mother. I hope we shall observe a minute of silence when the Chair gives direction. We wish to say *pole* to the family of Hon. A. Koskei, MCA Chemagel Ward. We wish the family comfort at this difficult time. We condole with the family and we pray that the Almighty God give the family strength especially at this trying moment. I hope we will observe a minute of silence in honour of the departed our heroin because she is our mother.

However, notwithstanding the loot in this County, let me not add anything because we are in a mourning mood. Otherwise there were other issues that I could have added.

I beg to end there.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you, the Leader of Minority. Hon. H. Kirui, would you wish to reboot?

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, thank you. It's so unfortunate that the two senior hon. members here who really understand about the operation of County Assembly are talking about an issue touching on the committee where they are both the members. At the same time, hon. Serbai is a member of PAC/PIC and that's a committee where they can address that matter critically. It's so unfortunate that they are talking about an issue they have never raised in my committee at any one point, these are the members who are fond of being absent in my committee, they are not attending meetings when I call and they are here blaming the chair. When I have been expecting them to be raising these issues in the committee level. I rest that matter there.

I wish to pass message of condolences to the family of hon. A. Koskei, MCA Chemagel ward for the loss and on behalf of the people of Silibwet Township together with my family. Thank you.

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

Hon. R. Serbia: Thank you Hon. Speaker. We are almost ending the term and it seems that we don't understand the operation of the House. As the chair of PAC/PIC you are very much aware that I have been handling my matters well. I am only handling the audited accounts I am not handling the current budget.

Secondly, as a chair of PAC/PIC I do always convene several meetings to handle what has been given to me or all the matters submitted to the Public Accounts and Investments Committee. You are my witness. When I was actually taking over there was huge work. Currently I'm almost finalizing everything. So if everyone is a chair of a certain committee, that person is the head of that committee and should be able to observe what's happening in his/her committee and to steer the committee well. Members are only there but if the chair cannot call the meeting then the other members cannot call the meeting. I would like to clear my name. I signed the attendance list meaning I attended the meetings. Mr. Speaker you are the C.E.O of this County Assembly. If this County Assembly fails, you are going to be blamed. Thank you.

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

Hon. A. Maritim (Leader of Minority): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I honor your chair; they always say the fish starts rotting from the head. The committee on budget and appropriation

started rotting from the head when the chair failed to call for meetings. This is the chair who is in bed with the County Executive because the contractors have not been paid and there are no drugs in hospitals.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Honorable Maritim I want to make a ruling, Hon. Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, in as much as we are criticizing the chair Budget and Appropriation committee, we should respect him as a member of this County Assembly. Can Hon. Maritim withdraw the word the “chair has been in bed with the County Executive”? Does he have evidence? Mr. Speaker let us have constructive criticism but not concentrating on an individual. The budget does not belong to Hon. Haron but the entire Bomet County. We should criticize the budget and the leader but not by saying the Hon. Member is on bed with the Chair. I have been in this County Assembly for about 10 years and I am not after an individual. When he was contributing on the matters of the demise of the late mum, the way he was putting that we celebrate the hero yet it should be heroine, but I did not disturb him. He has also been here for 7 years, yet he does not understand between ‘hero’ and ‘heroine’, ‘he’ and ‘she’ Thank you.

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

Hon. J. Kelong: Mr. Speaker, whatever we are hearing in this House does not meet the basic requirements, especially that the exchange that we are seeing amongst the members of the budget committee. They have been signing for us things to this House. Does it mean that they sign when they do not know? It is a big shame when we hear this exchange coming on the floor of the House yet these members could sit as a committee and air out their grievances. What do we say as people who are not members from that committee? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Wesley Bett.

Hon. W. Bett: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am also perturbed on whether we really know the role of every committee because as far as I know, budget committee handles budget issues while the committee on PAC/PIC oversight what has been implemented. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): What is it Hon. Kirui.

Hon. H. Kirui: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I wish to applaud Hon. Bett for seeing light and understanding what is happening. I am happy that the members are raising very pertinent issues but to the wrong committee. Indeed, we have raised these issues touching on the implementation of the budget. My committee is to look into the budget as our mandate and approve the budget. It is the duty of the relevant committee; the sectoral committee; to oversight their departments. It is also the duty of the implementation committee and the PAC/PIC because when we talk of Public Accounts Committee, that is about accountability. As much as we are talking about the budget committee, most of the issues are within the other relevant committees. I want to ask the other committees to also be vigilant and do the oversight duty. If we are talking about the budget implementation, I think every committee is responsible and if there is any failure, it is the relevant committee that is responsible. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you. Hon members, I would like us to rise up, we observe one minute of silence in honour of our departed mother to the Hon. A. Kosgei of Chemagel Ward and then we adjourn the House.

The house rose and observed one-minute silence

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members and visitors this, there being no other business to be transacted, this House stands adjourned to today at 2:30 pm.

The House rose at 9:35 a.m