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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)*

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

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Members we are glad to have pupils from Kapcheptwo primary School and their teachers. I welcome you to observe and learn.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I beg to lay the following papers on the table of the County Assembly today Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022, Water Energy Environment and natural resources committee report on vetting of;

1. Cheroni Koskei, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee to represent women
2. Alfonse Rotich, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee to represent youth.
3. Beatrice Cherop Koskei, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee to represent women
4. Benard Kipkoech Kirui, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee to represent youth.

Hon Speaker I beg to lay.

Paper laid

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon speaker I beg to lay the following papers on the table of the County Assembly today Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022, the 8th report of the committee on

appointments on the vetting of nominees for the position of the members of the selection panel for the recruitment of the county secretary

Paper laid

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon Speaker I beg to give notice of the following motion that pursuant to standing order 197 of the County Assembly Standing orders and section 9(2) of the public appointment county assembly approval act 2017, this county assembly adopts the 8th report of the committee on appointments on the vetting of nominees for the position of the members of the selection panel for the recruitment of the county secretary and pursuant to section 44(2c) of the County Government act, 2010 approves the appointment of the following persons as members of the selection panel for the recruitment of the County secretary

1. Alice Chepkemai Kirui
2. Sally Chebwogen Kirui
3. CPA Reuben Chirchir
4. Sigei Cornelius Kiplangat
5. John Mark Kimutai

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): the motion to be debated tomorrow.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I beg to give notice of the following motion that pursuant to standing order 201(5f) of the County Assembly Standing orders and section 9(2) of the public appointment county assembly approval act 2017, this county assembly adopts the report of the committee on Water Energy Environment and natural resources committee report on vetting of Beatrice Cherop Koskei, Cherono Koskei, Benard Kipkoech Kirui, Alfonse Rotich and pursuant to section 8 of Bomet County Climate Change act 2021 approve the appointment of :

1. Beatrice Cherop Koskei, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee
2. Cherono Koskei, , appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee
3. Benard Kipkoech Kirui, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee
4. Alfonse Rotich, appointed to Bomet County Climate Change Steering committee

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I direct the Assembly Business and Rules Committee shall meet after this session to allocate time to the business Tabled this afternoon.

STATEMENT

SPORTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN IN BOMET COUNTY

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order no. 49 (2), I rise to make a general statement concerning sporting activities within the county.

Our county is endowed with a lot of talent particularly among the youth. There is a lot of potential in the field of athletics. In recent times, we have had our athletes representing our country in international events. However, it appears that our county government has not taken keen interest in terms of supporting youth to enhance and utilize the talents.

Annually, Athletics Kenya organizes several events which are held across the country. On Saturday, 19th November, 2022, Athletics Kenya (AK) held cross-country championships in Sotik Stadium. The event brought together both upcoming and seasoned athletes from across the country who participated in various categories. One Edwin Bett, a youth from this county is poised to win this year's event having won in several events of the championship this year.

It is worth noting that the events have been held annually in the same venue within our county since 2006. This means that the event has been held for the last 16 years. However, what is of concern is the role of county government in supporting activities which seems to be peripheral. The event was not largely publicized a role which our county government can actively take. The county government should also sensitize such events and support our youth to participate.

Hon. Speaker, our youth play a great role in our county and our country. As a government we should support and empower our youth. There should be a talent search in various disciplines. The event at Sotik was not supported by the county government. The government only contributed a few bottles of water. We should contribute more than that. Therefore, I am asking the honourable Members to make a few comments on the same.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Busienei, your statement is right. It is upon the Members to give comments on the statement.

Hon. R. (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I am privileged to be a member of the AK. I applaud the Member who has raised the issue because it has been a challenge at the AK. The county government has not contributed a lot to the athletics discipline in our county. It is therefore a plea to the county government and this Assembly that as we budget, we should allocate enough funds in the sports vote so that we nurture talents in our county.

Hon. V. Mutai ((Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I am proud as a youth and I thank Hon. Busienei for bringing this statement to this Assembly. A larger percentage in this county is the youth. The same youth are not earning enough from their county resources. In all the government activities, the youth interests must be addressed. The internship programs are of great help our youth. However, it is unfortunate that those who were engaged did not get pay for about six months. I am urging the county government to relook the internship programs that were rolled before.

It is known that the youth of this country are dying out of drug abuse. It is only menace they are practicing because they lack jobs. The rate of unemployment is high. This makes our youth to engage in social vices like drug abuse and use of alcohol. These vices much be curbed by giving them opportunities so that they are busy.

Hon. Speaker, we must reconsider the youth policy and ensure we involve them in anything that we do. I also applaud the United Democratic Alliance Party for allowing two youth to represent others in this Assembly. They are Hon. Victor Rop and Hon. Chepkirui. So, I want to see them championing for the youth of this county. At the end of the five years, I wish to see the youth representatives for championing the issues of the youth in this county.

(Applause)

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to contribute on the Statement by my senior, Hon. Member from Chemagel. Hon. Speaker, allow me to welcome our future leaders, the pupils who are at the public gallery. I believe this will help you learn on what you should do in future. I take this opportunity to wish candidates, if they are present, the best as they prepare for their exams next week.

Hon. Speaker, what Hon. Busienei has raised is a matter of concern. We have energetic youth in this Assembly like Hon. Victor who has been championing for the youth. This time round, I would wish to see Hon. Victor applauding Hon. Busienei because the other time he was fighting to see

that our youth are considered. This is an important Statement which I believe this Assembly will support it fully. We have always said that our youth are our future leaders but it has become a routine for politicians to use this youth to support them during campaigns and abandon them soon after. We have always promised them that as soon as we take over, we shall be support them.

Hon. Speaker, we have youth who are talented in football, in athletics but they are suffering. We at times by them balls and then forget about them. Though I am outside the bracket of the youth, I will request Hon. Victor to accommodate me in that bracket to allow me fight for them because they are suffering. Our kids are soon going to complete KCPE, join secondary schools and while they wait to join colleges you will find the loitering in the villages. It is our concern to fight for them so that those who play football be given an opportunity to have businesses on the side.

Hon. Speaker, let us support this Statement. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Victor Rop

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you for noticing me. I have seen that I am the main interest in this since I represent the large constituent of the youth that sum up to the largest population in our county. Truly speaking, I have always been passionate about the welfare and the wellbeing of the youth. Sport is mostly aligned to the youth and it is key to the development of the youth, physical education and also to the empowerment of talents.

I am proud of my neighbour here, who happens to sit beside me, for being swift to notice that much must be done in the youth docket. However, I must register my dissatisfaction with the Committee on Selection. The Committee on Selection did not do us a favour since none of us who represent the youth sit in the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports. Neither Hon. Felody nor I sit there. I think we should relook into it and make changes. We can swap. Hon. Chair, Hon. Ernest, I think I will be joining you in that Committee soon.

Hon. Speaker, sports is very important since it helps us stay in shape, boost friendship and relationships. I must laud Hon. Busienei for this. I have also seen that the Hon. Members are passionate with the youth matters and affairs. I challenge the elected Members to initiate tournaments either in football, volleyball or athletics. With that we shall have empowered our youth. I will be making immense contributions to such activities.

As I wind up, I would wish to ask H. E the Governor, Prof. Barchok for the reintroduction of the paid internship and adding more funds to the revolving funds that we used to be given to us and the comrades who are still studying in the university. Otherwise, I will champion the interest of the youth in this Assembly. Let the youth know that they are squarely represented by the general. Article 1, power belongs to the people. Thank you.

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

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. This afternoon, I want to make a brief contribution in support of the Statement that is tabled by the Hon. Member from Chemagel. Hon. Speaker, the only way to highlight the plight is to clinically look at the funding and the allocation of funds to the department. Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Victor Rop is right but what exactly is the County Government is required of so that the youth can feel represented.

Hon. Speaker, if you look at the budget of FY 2022/23, the department of youth is underfunded. When you look at the itemized part of the budget, the money allocated to support sporting activities is minimal. Sotik sub-county has a large piece of land allocated to a stadium called One-Eighty-One Club. That stadium is open. Cows graze there. It has not been fence even though it hosts a myriad of activities. Counties from Nyamira, Kisii, Homabay travel to play alongside Sotik Rangers, teams from Kapkatet plays around that field but the county government has not considered it fit to secure the field. Mr. Speaker, the only best way to appreciate the cross county event that always take place in the same field is for the chair and committee budget to see it fit to fence the field. Mr. speaker I also happen to come from Kipsonoi Ward where the Olympic champion for 100 meter and long jump, one Vincent Mutai and who study in Sotik Technical Training Institute who were the Medal in Japan comes from. The young man has been a star but unfortunately during the world Athletic Selection, he was left though he hold the Olympic record. When I asked him why, he said he was following up alone, no staff bothers to ask him whereabouts. So the county government should own the programme of our youths, champion them and practically follow up with them. Mercy Cheronu, the 5000 Meter champion comes from Kibajit Chemagel Ward, the way to recognise the talent and always appreciate them is to allocate funds for the stadiums. I support the beginning of a debate and recognition of the talents. Thank you.

Hon. F. Chepkirui (Nominated MCA, UDA): I want to contribute to the statement made by hon. Busienei. Indeed, this is a very important point because most of us were not even aware that there

was a participating activity taking place at Sotik. So I am just requesting the county government to be making it public. The body concern with making statements to make it public and sensitize the youth across the county so that whenever there is any activity taking place, all the youths across the county should be aware so that each and every one will get an opportunity to showcase their talents. As youth we depend on talents such as Sports, Athletics and Music and we should be given a chance and funds budgeted for it. I also want to request the county to give a chance to creation of more recreational facilities across the county. This will allow our youths to do more like swimming, Singing and other recreational activities. Thank you.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Thank you. This statement by hon. Busienei might look like a sanitization statement because last week the hon. members who have contributed were not in support of the youth. I thank God because these members have seen the light and thank you welcome aboard. I remember last week when we made a lot of noise about the appointment of the members joining the Bomet County Assembly Service Board, most of this members who have risen to support this statement today were not anywhere near the youth and I thank them. Having a programme to support the youths in terms of sports, employment opportunities or internship programmes will really help in so many issues. I come from a Ward where over the weekend, the leaders around that area have been complaining so much about youth engaging in betting activities that would otherwise be avoided if they were engaged in sporting activities and so many other. Most of the issues of pregnancies among the youth and so many things would be avoided if they were engaging in sporting activities. I hereby want to thank hon. Busienei with whom I hold a lot of respect and in future, we need to look at the budget. Being the chair of budget committee, I want to give my support that wherever issues that will go along way in supporting the youth, I will be glad with my members of the committee to support them in every aspect.

Hon. Speaker (Cosmas Korir): I see the chair of that committee has risen. Hon. Ernest kindly make the statement.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to loud and support the statement raised by Hon. Busienei. Sports and talents is very important in youth development both physically and mentally therefore it's very important. Hon. Busienei in his statement talked about sporting activities that took place at Sotik. There's a lot that need to be supported in terms, of youths. Today, if you go to our villages, you will find that there are a number of youths loitering in our Wards in those villages. These youths need to be supported so that we redirect their energy.

From the previous performance of the Youths, Education and Sports, education is more related to sports in some way, but when you look at the support that they have been receiving, there is little. This support ranges from sport gears, balls, games kits. If we are able to convince the CEC in charge to implement what is already there, together with our support in more resource allocation, it will go a long way.

Therefore, this statement raised by honourable D. Busienei should go a long way in informing what we do in this Assembly, as far as building talents and ensuring that our youths enjoy resources that we have are concerned.

Regulations from the Ministry of Education (MOE) have restricted non-students to use School fields. Therefore, building of Stadia is should be considered in our county. If you visited our sub-county Konoin, we do not have a single stadium.

I wish to support this statement and wish that we move forward, and come up with policies to enhance the same. From my committee, we are willing, and ready to support it.

I wish honourable V. Rop as a friend to our committee all the time because he has passion in it.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I direct that this Statement should be married with last Governor's address in this Assembly, and look into the policies that are needed to a success. The Committee on Education, Youths and Sports to take up the matter and have a discussion with honourable Busienei, and other interested Members. You may have a *Kamukunji* on it to come up with a concrete way forward.

I had given direction to the Committee on Assembly Business and Rules Committee (HBRC), but I know most of the Members were not in. HBRC shall meet immediately after this session.

I am happy that honourable B. Rotich is fine and with us today, but I want to urge the honourable Members to stop using motorcycles. I believe that we all have vehicles now, even though we cannot control but we thank God that honourable B. Rotich is safe.

To the pupils and teachers with us today in the public gallery, and director Samoei, thank you for holding on up to this time. I know that the kids are very hungry because they are here since morning. I will provide for their lunch today as I wish them the best in exams. Take our greetings to your school. Learn from us and aspire to be better leaders.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): This Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday 23 November, 2022, at 9.30a.m

The Assembly rose at 3.20 p.m