



**Third Assembly
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**Third Session
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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BOMET
THIRD ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 9.30 A.M

- 1) The Assembly assembled Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
- 2) The proceedings were opened with prayer.
- 3) **PRESIDING:** - Hon. Leonard Rotich
- 4) **MEMBERS PRESENT**
 1. Hon. Leonard Rotich
 2. Hon. Lily Cherotich
 3. Hon. Joseah Samoei
 4. Hon. Caroline Chelangat
 5. Hon. Monica Manyei
 6. Hon. Robert Langat
 7. Hon. Paul Kirui
 8. Hon. Naomi Chemutai
 9. Hon. Anne Chepkemoi
 10. Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo
 11. Hon. Peter Ronoh
 12. Hon. Kipkirui Josphat
 13. Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot
 14. Hon. Olivia Koskei
 15. Hon. Evaline Mibei
 16. Hon. Peter Mutai

17. Hon. Nathan Kibet
18. Hon. Charles Langat

5. MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Hon. Cosmas Korir – Speaker
2. Hon. Catherine Chepngetich
3. Hon. Eric Kirui
4. Hon. Richard Ruttoh
5. Hon. Dennis Busienei
6. Hon. Dennis Kiplangat Ngeno
7. Hon. Vincent Mutai
8. Hon. Stephen Changmorik
9. Hon. Caren Cherono
10. Hon. Benard Rotich
11. Hon. Victor Rop
12. Hon. Kibet Ngetich
13. Hon. Peter Langat
14. Hon Ernest Rotich
15. Hon. Benard Langat
16. Hon. Wesley Kiprotich
17. Hon. Philip Korir
18. Hon. Evaline Sang
19. Hon. Dancel Kirui
20. Hon. Felody Chepkirui
21. Hon. Emily Cheruiyot

6. Questions and Statements

1) Hon. Joseah Samoei sought a comprehensive statement on 31st July, 2024 from the Chairperson Committee on Labour and Public Service regarding the case of Ms. Emily Chelangat who was employed by the County Government of Bomet as an ECDE assistant at Kapkwen Primary School, following her appointment on January 14, 2014. She served diligently for seven years until her unfair

dismissal in 2022 and was deprived of her rightful retirement benefits and dues, despite her long service to the county. In particular, the Hon. Member sought clarification on the following issues:

1. The circumstances leading to the dismissal of Ms. Emily Chelangat, and whether due process was followed.

2. The reasons why Ms. Chelangat has not been able to access her retirement benefits and dues, despite her seven years of service.

3. The steps the County Government of Bomet is taking to ensure that Ms. Chelangat receives her rightful benefits and any compensation for her unfair dismissal

(Committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service)

The statement was deferred to 25th September, 2024 at 2.30 p. m

2) Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot sought a comprehensive statement on 6th August, 2024 from the Chairperson committee on Health and Sanitation on whether the County Government is aware of the Hepatitis B outbreak in Embomos Ward, Kitala Location, Kipsinjiri Village. This outbreak has claimed one life, with several others feared to have contracted the disease. The Hon. Member wanted to be furnished with a comprehensive report on the following issues;

a.) The immediate measures being taken by the Department of Medical Services to contain the spread of Hepatitis B in the affected area

b) The steps being implemented to provide medical assistance and vaccinations to those potentially exposed to the virus of the outbreak, and if so, state preliminary findings on the same

c) The public health awareness and educational campaigns being planned to inform residents about the symptoms, transmission, and prevention measures of Hepatitis B

d) Additional healthcare resources and personnel that have been allocated to Embomos Ward to manage the situation and prevent further spread of the disease

e) The long-term strategies which has been put in place to prevent future outbreaks of Hepatitis B and other infectious diseases in rural areas like Kipsinjiri Village

(Committed to the Committee on Health and Sanitation)

The statement was deferred to 25th September, 2024 at 2.30 p. m

3. THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 43 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo sought the following comprehensive statement from the Chairperson Committee on Health and Sanitations a question regarding the implementation of the Bomet County Facilities Improvements Fund (FIF) Act and its accompanying policy. Specifically, she sought to be informed on the following concerns:

- i) Why despite health facilities across the county complying with the FIF Act and Policy by recruiting essential staff, such as procurement officers and accountants and preparing work plans for the financial year 2024/2025 the acting County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning is now demanding that funds generated by these hospitals be remitted to the County Treasury?
- ii) Why is the acting CECM citing the absence of regulations as the reason for this directive even though the health facilities have already developed annual development plans and financial projections and taken other necessary steps to operationalize the FIF in accordance with the law and policy?
- iii) What justifies the directive from the acting CECM for Finance and Economic Planning to take control of these funds, given that the hospitals have complied with the legislative requirements and have already taken significant steps to implement the FIF?
- iv) What measures are being put in place to ensure that the funds collected by health facilities remain under their management, as originally intended by the Assembly when passing the FIF Act, so that they can continue supporting service delivery, even in the absence of specific regulations?

Statement committed to the committee on Health and Sanitation and was accorded 14days to respond.

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly was adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

ASSEMBLY ROSE - at 1015 hours.