



**Third Assembly
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**Second Session
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BOMET COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 2.30 p.M

- 1) The Assembly was assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
- 2) The proceedings were opened with prayer.
- 3) PRESIDING: - Deputy Speaker
- 4) The Bell was rung for 10 minutes

5) **MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Hon Leonard Rotich
2. Hon. Lily Cherotich
3. Hon. Paul Kirui
4. Hon. Caroline Chelangat
5. Hon. Evaline Mibei
6. Hon. Evaline Sang
7. Hon. Peter Langat
8. Hon. Caren Cheronono
9. Hon. Emily Cheruiyot
10. Hon. Philip Korir
11. Hon. Vincent Mutai
12. Hon. Nathan Kibet
13. Hon. Felody Chepkirui
14. Hon. Richard Rutoh
15. Hon. Eric Kirui
16. Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo

Members absent

1. Hon. Cosmas Korir- Speaker
2. Hon. Peter Ronoh

3. Hon. Charles Langat
4. Hon. Robert Langat
5. Hon. Peter Mutai
6. Hon Ernest Rotich
7. Hon. Dancel Kirui
8. Hon. Stephen Changmorik
9. Hon. Kipkirui Josphat
10. Hon. Benard Rotich
11. Hon. Naomi Chemutai
12. Hon. Olivia Koskei
13. Hon. Victor Rop
14. Hon. Kibet Ngetich
15. Hon. Wesley Kiprotich
16. Hon. Monica Manyei
17. Hon. Anne Chepkemai
18. Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot
19. Hon. Catherine Chepngetich
20. Hon. Joseah Samoei
21. Hon. Dennis Kiplangat
22. Hon. Dennis Busienei
23. Hon. Benard Langat

6) **PAPERS LAID**

The following papers were laid on the Table of the County Assembly by the Leader of the Majority;

- (i) The Department of Lands, Housing, and Urban Planning Review of the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan for Bomet Municipality for the period 2010-2030 (Reviewed Draft Plan Report 2019).
- (ii) The County Government of Bomet Consultancy Service for the preparation of the Local Physical Development Plan for Mulot Town for the period 2020-2030 (Final Draft Plan).

The two papers were committed to the Committee on Lands, Urban Planning, and Housing to process and report within

7) **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Responses to the following questions were due;

- (i) The question raised by **Hon Stephen Changmorik** on 21st September 2023 concerning policies of the County Government. Specifically, he sought to know from the chairperson Committee on Labour and Public Service whether the County Government has the following policies in existence-
 - a) The Human Resource Policy and Procedural Manual.

- b) The Career Progression Manual
- c) Training and Development Policy
- d) Code of Conduct (Discipline Manual)
- e) Staff Establishment and Succession Planning or any other manual that is currently being implemented by the Human Resources department.
- f) Scheme of Services for ECD teachers
- g) If the aforementioned documents are in existence and being implemented the member requested that to be furnished with the said copies. If the aforementioned documents are not in existence what documents are being used by the human resource department in the management of county government staff?

The response to the question was issued. The matter was dispensed with.

- (ii) Question raised by **Hon. Eric Kirui** on 18th October 2023 concerning the recent recruitment by the County Public Service Board for various County Departments of the County Government. Specifically, the Hon. Member wanted answers to the following;
 - a) Criteria used in ensuring job grades are equitably distributed across all the county wards, to ensure county opportunities are shared equitably?
 - b) Why did the Board ignore recommendations previously issued by the County Assembly on absorbing staff already serving in the same positions and more specifically the *Ad hoc* committee report of the Second Assembly?
 - c) Why did the Board ignore hiring an officer who is under the category of a person with a disability to a position he held in the Department of Social Services and hire someone new to that position?
 - d) Which mechanisms were employed by the board to ensure that the candidates hired for the positions advertised have been given genuine documents from various institutions of learning?
 - e) Why did the Board hire close relatives some of whom have integrity issues in their former places of work including those with active cases under investigation?

The response was not issued. The Hon Deputy Speaker directed that a response be issued on 21st November 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

8) * **MOTION- (Hon. Wesley Kiprotich)**

Aware that Article 201 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 emphasizes the principles of Public Finance, stipulating that public money shall be used in a prudent and responsible manner.

Further recognizing the primary oversight role of the County Assembly in the County Government, as mandated by law.

Acknowledging the responsibility vested in the County Assembly to ensure that all investments and assets acquired are properly maintained and accounted for.

Recognizing that the County Government has recently acquired a substantial fleet of earth-moving equipment for road construction and maintenance across the county.

Concerned about the need for effective and efficient control, utilization, safeguarding, transparency, and accountability in the procurement, acquisition, fueling, and servicing of vehicles, plant machinery, and equipment.

Deeply troubled by the observed state of tens of county vehicles languishing in various garages across the county, some of which are being utilized for private purposes, and others lacking proper servicing schedules or fueling registers and detailed orders.

Further distressed by the absence of a comprehensive fleet management policy within the County Government to ensure the effective and efficient control, utilization, safeguarding and management of County Government vehicles, plant machinery (specifically Earth Moving machines) and equipment. It is crucial that drivers, machine operators, and transport managers understand their responsibilities in relation to county vehicles and machinery.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by this Assembly that:

1. The County Executive is urgently urged to formulate a comprehensive fleet management policy within 30 days of the adoption of this motion.
2. This policy should encompass all aspects related to the accountability and maintenance of County Government vehicles, plants, and equipment.
3. The County Government should ensure that this formulated policy includes clear provisions for the effective control, utilization, safeguarding, and management of all County Government vehicles, plant machinery (including Earth Moving machines), and equipment.
4. The policy should also lay out the responsibilities of drivers, machine operators, and transport managers concerning the proper use and maintenance of county vehicles and machinery.
5. Once the fleet management policy is developed, it should be submitted to the County Assembly for approval within the stipulated 30-day period.

(Debate on the motion was deferred)

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Assembly was adjourned to Tuesday, 21st November, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

10) **ASSEMBLY ROSE** - at 1520 Hours.