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Wednesday, 12th October, 2022

(The Assembly met at 2:30 p m in the

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[The Speaker (Hon. Cosmas Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndana/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant Standing Order 197 (1), the County Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointments:

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| 1. Hon. Cosmas Korir | – | Speaker |
| 2. Hon. Leonard Rotich | – | Deputy Speaker |
| 3. Hon. Paul Kirui | – | Leader of Majority Party |
| 4. Hon. Kibet Ngetich | – | Leader of Minority Party |
| 5. Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo | – | MCA |

(Hon. R. Langat rose on a point of order)

Hon. R. Langat (Mutarakwa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I wish to seek clarification. We have not been supplied with the names of the Hon. Members. What we have in the order paper is different from what the Leader of Majority is reading.

(Hon. W. Kiprotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I think Hon. R. Langat is thinking so fast than he is reading. The order that the Clerk-at-the-Table just read is order number six and the Hon. Member is talking about order number eight. We are still under notices of Motions and not Motions.

(Hon. C. Langat rose on a point of order)

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. The Leader of Majority mentioned Standing Order 168 instead of 165 (1).

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Leader of Majority, would you like to answer that?

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. Hon. Members, the Notice of Motion we have before us is on the Committee on Appointment under Standing Order 197 (1).

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): That is correct.

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, then what we have is different.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Is what you have different from what the Leader of Majority is reading?

(Hon. S. Chang'morik rose on a point of order)

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, we, Hon. Members, do not have a copy of the Notice of Motion. The person giving the Notice of Motion is the only one who should have a copy. Let us give him time to Table and then we will debate on the Motion.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): That is true. What you have is the Motion. The Leader of Majority is giving a Notice of Motion. After 24 hours, there will be a Motion on it. Proceed, Hon. P. Kirui.

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

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| 6. Hon. Eric Kirui | – | MCA |
| 7. Hon. Stephen Chang'morik | – | MCA |

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to Move the following Motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 165 (1), the County Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Selection:

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| 1. Hon. Paul Kirui | – | Leader of Majority |
| 2. Hon. Kibet Ngetich | – | Leader of Minority |
| 3. Hon. Joseah Samoei | – | Deputy Leader of Majority |
| 4. Hon. Richard Ruttoh | – | Majority Whip |
| 5. Hon. Dennis Kiplangat | – | Minority Whip |
| 6. Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot | – | MCA |
| 7. Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo | – | MCA |

Hon. Speaker, Sir, this Committee is urgently required. Standing Order 165 of the County Assembly Standing Orders provides that there shall be a Select Committee to be designated Committee on Selection consisting of the Leader of Majority who shall be the Chairperson, the Leader of Minority and five other Members who shall be nominated by the County Assembly parties and approved by the County Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, we had a meeting yesterday at the old chamber. The Members present proposed the names of the five other Members who are to serve in the Committee on Selection. The mandate of this Committee is limited to nominating the Members to serve in the Committee save for the membership of the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee, Liaison Committee and the Committee on Appointments. It is therefore necessary that we approve this Committee in order for the business to be operational.

I therefore request the Deputy Speaker to Second.

Hon. L. Rotich (Chesoen Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to Second this Motion. This Motion is important because we are much behind the schedule and we need this Committee to

be in place so that it can start considering selection of Members into the various Committees. I urge the Hon. Members to pass this Motion so that by the end of business today we shall have the Committee on Selection in place and the Committee can start considering the Members who shall serve in the Committees.

I Second. Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Motion. We are aware that this Assembly is a Assembly of oversight. We thank the Leader of Majority for bringing this Motion. We need to have this Committee so that the other Committees can be in place. The key role of oversight is mostly done by Committees.

I thank the leadership because since we started yesterday we have moved very first in trying to put this Assembly in order. I also thank the mover of this Motion and support the Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. P. Rono (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I will be brief. I must admit that the Motion before this Assembly has come at a time that is eagerly required but on the same note, allow me to oppose the Motion on the grounds that the Standing Order 165 (1) dictates the membership and outlines that the Chairperson shall be the Leader of Majority and the other mandatory leader is the Leader of Minority. The same law gives latitude to source other members from not necessarily the leadership of the Assembly.

We have several other Members who are less engaged. If we give them opportunity to serve in these Committees and to exercise their legislative muscles, one day they will be somewhere rather than concentrating several Committees only on the leadership of the Assembly. I oppose it in the fact that on the composition we give space to other Members who are less engaged in other Committees save for those who the law dictates that they should be there.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to oppose this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongoroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Member is opposing what is in the Standing Order. He is trying to oppose the leadership of the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member from Kimulot.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to give input on the Motion before us this afternoon. We are aware of the provision of the Standing Order on setting out this Committee. However, the information by the Hon. Member from Kipsonoi that the Members in this Committee have been tasked with other responsibilities is preempting what is not before this Assembly. What we are looking at are the names that have been given to us. I rise to support the Motion and object what the Hon. Member from Kipsonoi has just said.

Hon. P. Langat (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. Before I give my remark on the Motion, I would like to give my maiden speech. First, I thank the voters of Merigi ward for the great work they did during the election by voting me as their representative. I thank the propagandist, the sponsors and the planners of my Committee.

I also respect and honour the reelected Members from the various wards; Chepchabas, Boito, Kiprerer, Longisa and Mutarakwa. Those are the Members who have guided us through the various activities in this Assembly. I thank you for using one of the facilities from Merigi ward. You are all my visitors because I am your host.

Otherwise, I support the Motion before the Assembly. Thank you.

Hon. E. Mibei (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me the chance to address this Honourable Assembly. Since this is my maiden speech, I wish to congratulate you for your election as the Speaker of the Third Assembly. I wish to also congratulate the Deputy Speaker for being elected. I thank the UDA party for giving me the chance to serve in the Third Assembly of Bomet. Having been in politics for long, they saw it fit to give me the chance.

I thank the membership of UDA, starting from the party leader, H.E the President of the Republic of Kenya for giving me this chance. I congratulate the elected Members, especially the two ladies in the Assembly, Hon. R. Cheptoo and Hon. A. Chepkemai for being elected. I congratulate the nominated women in the Assembly, especially Hon. L. Cherotich who is abled differently. As ladies, we do not take that for granted. It is a great honour to us.

On the Motion before us, I support the Motion because we have a lot of work that should be done. I support.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I rise to support the Motion. It is long overdue. We have had a lot of time outside there. The businesses ought to have been dealt and deliberated on. Because of time constraints, I will not be envious that I have not been included in the list. I will support the Motion though I should have been included.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. J. Samoei (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. First, let me thank the people of Nyangores who saw the need and elected me as their third Member of County Assembly. I also thank the members of my family, my campaign team and the pastors who prayed for me day and night during my campaign.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, let me congratulate the Members of this Assembly who gave me the opportunity to be their Deputy Leader of Majority. Before

Hon. Speaker, Sir. I support the motion. I request that when members are giving their maiden speech they should also state their marital status.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon Member, why do you want to know other Members' marital status?

Hon. J. Samoei (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I am one of the elders in this Third Assembly, and we want to guide them on how to behave.

(Hon B. Langat rose on a point of order)

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Hon J. Samoei did not mention his marital status

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Next time when he speaks he should mention his marital status.

Hon. J. Cheruiyot: Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the almighty God for giving us this chance, secondly I thank the people of Embomos for giving me an opportunity to serve them as their MCA. I thank the Honorable members for electing you as the fifth Speaker in this third session. I believe we will work together harmoniously. Hon speaker I support the motion.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): The motion mover, I extend the right of reply.

Leader of Majority (Hon. P. Kirui): Honorable Members thank you for the contributions

(Question put and agreed to)

Leader of Majority (Hon. P. Kirui): Hon. Speaker I beg to move the procedural motion that pursuant to standing order 33 (c) this county assembly resolve to sit tomorrow Thursday 13th at 10. 00 a.m. this is to enable members to table committees because there is a number of pending businesses. Hon. Speaker I ask the whip to second.

Hon. R. Ruto (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to second the motion. Members here want to know the committees they've been placed hence there is need for a special sitting tomorrow. We are lacking behind and we need committees to be in place to enable us transact businesses. I request members to support the motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon speaker I would like to support the motion that we have a special sitting tomorrow because we have pending business to work on. Looking at the mood of the Assembly Mr. Speaker you can put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to move the motion that pursuant Standing Order 23(4) the thanks for the county assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivery on Tuesday 11th October 2022. At 9.30 a.m. Mr. Speaker in that standing order, it is explained well how the Governor addresses the inaugural assembly.

We are live to the fact that his Excellency the Governor Prof Hillary Barchok was able to address the inaugural address of this Assembly. He delivered a speech which the standing order 23(3) says as soon as it is practical a member will be able to lay on the table of the county assembly the speech of the Governor and be recorded for the exposition of the public policy.

This Assembly has rights to compare the speech and the manifesto that he gave or compare the speech of the Governor with the manifesto that the honorable members gave the electorates. This speech is supposed to be correlated by the Assembly. Mr. Speaker there can be some corrections, additions and criticism of the governor's speech. Mr. Speaker I wish to mention a few things the Governor touched on.

The Governor gave thanks and acknowledgement to God and we noticed that we have a God fearing Governor. In his address to the Assembly, he respected the Assembly in most of his address, he gave the respect that this particular arm of government which the county assembly do have and reiterated the issues of separation of power between the county assembly and county executive. He lauded the composition of the Assembly which comprises of both elected and nominated members, male and female and the member who is representing the persons with disability. He applauds what was done in the second assembly.

He mentioned several bills that were done by the second assembly which included the climate bill 2021, the compassionate assistance bill 2021, and the county equitable bill 2019. Some of this bills are in use except the county equitable development bill 2019. In this bill we had suggested that out of the development budget of the county, 5% of it be set aside to be called ward development fund, 30million shillings per ward. I believe the honorable members will be glad if it will be implemented. Since the Governor mentioned it, it is the noble duty of the assembly to follow up.

It is currently working in Makueni, Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu and Nakuru County. I believe the Governor make this bill functional. Hon speaker we respect the Governor and loud the members who came back for the second term. I believe it is the prayer of each one of us to be given a second chance. Honorable members would like to come for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, in terms of food security the Governor said that the cash crop in our county is tea. He also talked about dairy industry, support of farmers that were given 630 thousand of tissue-culture bananas and avocados. A resident of Boito by the name Nick lee told Hon Charles Langat that he has market for avocados in Spain.

The Governor said the sweet potatoes in Lelaitich is due for commissioning and it will process 5,000 kg of raw sweet potato tubers per day. He also believes in primary health care and he mentioned that our Longisa referral hospital is going to be improved so that our people can get services. He mentioned a big plan coming up, which is a 200-bed ultra-modern Dr. Joyce Laboso Mother and Baby Wellness Memorial Centre is currently ongoing. This facility will ease the congestion in our main referral hospital. He also said the county has purchased 4 ambulances that is going to ease movement of our people.

In the Department of Water, Sanitation and Environment, the Governor said water is a key priority in his administration and is going to pave way and allow the stakeholders and

infrastructure that has been done to continue. He mentioned Chebangang VIPP, Climate change policy and the act that we have done in 2022 which is running now. On Roads the Governor mentioned that he is going to expand roads. He also mentioned Dr. Joyce Laboso Muriaisi Bridge which connects Boito and Kimulot Wards, Mengichik Bridge which connects Bomet Central and Bomet East Sub Counties, Chepkositonik among others. In education he talked about the ECDEs and the Milk provision for the children. Under Youth and sports he emphasizes on internships, training centres the Assembly that it will legislate on how to develop and promote creative industry following the hub in Silibwet Township Ward.

Under the Department of Gender, Culture and Social Services, he mentioned quite a number of issues. Amongst them is the Gender Based Violence (GBV) that we have always had and in particular Sharifa Chepngetich, who was molested. The Governor said that his administration is going to make sure that everything is brought to book.

He also mentioned the rest of the departments that I am not going to mention so that the rest of the honourable Members can delve in it.

As I represent the people of Chepchas, I want to say that if one Bill that I mentioned earlier is going to be put into practice, we will laud the administration of His Excellency Prof. H. Barchok.

I therefore ask honourable C. Langat to second.

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to second the Motion. Before I contribute in summary, let me congratulate the Governor for his re-election. He was re-elected because he did good work to the people of Bomet.

Concerning his speech yesterday, he was practical, pragmatic, and development oriented. The speech did capture the inspiration of the people of Bomet. He touched mostly on his manifesto on areas that he desires Bomet people to get services from. He mentioned water across the county and especially in the area of Chebangang water project that cuts all the way to Chepchas, Kimulot and Boito. He also mentioned the importance of value chain in the entire agricultural sector, which if it is taken seriously, it will assist our people.

The speech was also well balanced because he mentioned almost every ward in terms of development, for instance roads, and automation of revenue system. For this county to grow,

we need resources which will come out of a proper planning. He highlighted what has already been accomplished in areas like Mengichik and others.

I applaud the speech of the Governor because he talked about the structured public service, so that our people can get service delivery. For this county to grow, we need to have competent people in the right places so that by the end of these five years, our county will be better placed.

As I conclude, he also talked about GBV and how to curb that menace, which is also beneficial for the success to the people of Bomet.

Finally, I wish to thank the great people of Bomet for voting overwhelmingly for His Excellency the President, (Dr.) William Ruto.

Thank you. I support.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you honourable W. Kiprotich and C. Langat.

(Question proposed)

(Hon. S. Changmorik rose on a point of order)

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to contribute on Governor's speech. On behalf of Bomet East, let me congratulate the rest of the sub-counties for voting in His Excellency Prof. H. Barchok.

Concerning what the Governor said yesterday on agriculture, I really thank the Governor because agriculture is the key sector in this county. We should make it strong in terms of value addition. We have a lot of space in this county to carry out diverse agriculture. He talked of Coffee which has not been getting strong support but we need this third assembly to reconsider it.

Let me thank our able Governor for the water projects going on. I urge all of us to support it by putting finance in the same department so that it will be done one and for all. Additionally, we should support the water company agency, which we formed in the first Assembly, until it can manage itself. We also have other agencies like Embomos Tea Farm which should operate properly.

We have some other projects within our wards, which we can support through Ward Fund, for instance, springs. We can formulate some policies that can allow us to manage these springs.

Concerning tree planting, we should not worry about exhausting resources from the county because we have quite a number of partners concerning the environment. We are one of the luckiest counties close to Mau Forest where we can source a lot of revenue. There is a Bill which I am not sure if it is operational to pave way for collection of a lot of revenue from that Mau forest. We can then use it to make other forests like Chepalungu Forest, the way our Governor stated yesterday. We need to make some regulations to guide tree planting. We have schools having big lands where we can take some sections and give them seedlings to plant so that we can manage to have quite a percentage of forests in this county. I am happy for our Governor about urban planning. Most of the plots in Bomet County are still agricultural. We need to make some policies so that we can manage them.

Concerning the ECDE, we should make some policies that can regulate the salaries of the ECDE teachers because you can find some are getting money that are not in their pay slips. However, I thank our Governor for providing our children with milk. We can discuss way forward to solve the outcry already in public schools concerning inadequacy of this milk.

Concerning the bursary, it is good that we can make it to be shared amongst sub-locations. Some regulations guiding its distribution should be put in place so that we can realize this speech by the governor.

It is good that the Governor mentioned sport sector as one area that needs consideration because we have a lot of challenges. We have to identify in every sub-county a playing that we are going to improve for our youths to get a place to play on. You might also find some good players but they lack playing kits. So, we need to check and put some money to cater for that.

Allow me honourable Speaker to touch something on human resource. I know that there is a problem as per governor's speech, for instance, high wage bill. We also have some people complaining to have received letters of contract and others. However, we have to solve this once and for all. It is unfortunate that this is the tenth year since devolution yet we still have problems of workers in the counties. We should inherit what the national government is doing so that we have harmonized system of human resource so that we can also eliminate ghost workers. All the governors should agree on a lasting solution on this human resource problem when they meet during council of governors meeting.

Further, we need to areas of collecting revenue. We have lost a lot of revenue because we have left some other sources to be taken by our neighbouring counties, for instance, Slaughter Assembly in Mulot is now being in Narok.

Lastly is on health. This is a sector that I love, but it is only that I am not a Medic. We need to improve Longisa hospital by setting aside some money. In this hospital, there is only one theater. This poses challenges in attending to new emergencies. We have space in that hospital which needs improvement so that we can assist our people. We also have a problem of cancer facing our people. It is very expensive to treat, so we need to assist our people.

I therefore, really appreciate the speech of the Governor being his MCA. It is only my urge that this speech be put in action so that we can feel the reality.

Thank you honourable Speaker and May God bless this Assembly.

(Hon. R. Cheptoo rose on a point of order)

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. Allow me to comment on the governor's speech. As I have compared my manifesto and this speech, I have realized that they are nearly the same. For this speech to be actualized, we have to support him fully, and make sure that we are working together.

On the issue of agriculture, I must say that our people are really suffering especially because our staple food is *ugali*. Currently, a two kilogram of *unga* costs more than Kshs. 200. I must say that I really appreciate the speech of the Governor and I believe if he introduces the extension officers in our ward, those people would have really assist us in training our farmers on what they are supposed to do especially in pests and disease management and how to improve in agriculture.

Another issue is concerning cooperative societies and Sacco's, we already have cooperatives in my ward we have two coolers which have been completed but not functional and if we consider and given them startup capital, I believe it will improve the living standard of our people. I also want to comment the ward development fund, if we agree and the Governor allow us to get this amount, it will be easier for Governor because we will be assisting him in development in the wards. In the issue of health, it been a challenge.

Most of our people are complaining in various dispensaries that they don't have enough drugs and I believe we will sit down with the Governor and see how we can support him to ensure that when the drugs are delivered in the hospitals, we ensure they are being distributed well and equitably. The other concern is on youths and sports. In our various wards, we have fields which are not being secured and I feel we should ensure in every ward, we have enough fields for our youths for be exercising and also give them uniforms. During trainings, some are travelling fare and we should facilitate them with some money for transport so as to encourage them. We should also upgrade stadiums in our wards. I am grateful and I support the speech of the governor.

Thank you.

Hon. Richard. C. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to applaud the speech of the governor. I sincerely thank the mover of this motion Hon. Kiprotich because he did elaborate much on his Excellency Prof. Barchok but I have to mention some few things which it touches a lot of lives in our society.

The Governor, talked of subsidy programme in agriculture sector, I was one of those who were happy because when he touches on avocados, it's my humble request that we support this subsidy. Those who took the initiative when it was introduced in this county are now harvesting, many people are in cooperatives in different villages and are enjoying the fruits of this avocados. I am encouraging the Governor when he will be appointing the CECs for agriculture, we need somebody able to implement what the hon. members here have budgeted. I am urging the Governor for his speech to be realistic, he has to give up people who are able to implement what he had said. I also support the issue on dairy sector, the Governor talked of more milk outlet. I have one in my village Chemaner and I will be the happiest person because my production in my farm will never go in waste.

Finally, I want to applaud what hon. S. Changmorik had said, you can find him sleeping in referral hospital just to see how our patients are being handled. When the Governor talked of the referral hospital having qualified staffs, I was encouraged because sometimes we hear our people crying for mishandling of patients. I support and urge the members not to compromise the person who will be taking care of our facilities in our areas especially when it comes to the referral hospital. On road network, the pathetic wards in matters of roads are Merigi, Chemaner and Longisa somehow, the Bomet east sub county. I will be behind him in this matter. I urge all the members to be behind the Governor in his speech.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): Hon. members I want you to be patient, motion no. 10 is different, this one requires us to debate for the next four days and I want you to be cognizant of the fact that time is not with us, it is some minutes to four unless you wish to continue to five/six. I would want to give three more members then we will continue tomorrow. I therefore give this chance to hon. Member from Kipsonoi.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I want to sincerely thank the Governor and I must be the happiest man because I was in the fore front campaigning not only for him but alongside him. I am grateful to the people of Bomet for voting him as the Governor. What he said is precisely what he has been saying, the different is it was summarized and documented out rightly yesterday here.

I am very happy and I am passionate about agriculture, I was touched when the Governor express his outmost wish that Bomet not only be food secure but also food sovereign, Mr. speaker, when we talked about operation of Bomet county dairy policy, that will pave way for commissioning of Chebunyo dairy plan, were it not for the rules I would have ululated in the Assembly. It really touched me. I am grateful that it is his passion that the farmers of this county get value for their money.

I am grateful because he mentioned the completion of Chebole chicken slaughter Assembly that will see the slaughtering of fire hundred birds per hour. Mr. Speaker, its domicile in my ward and I must in the sincerest urgency urge the members to assist in funding the same because it will help the poultry farmers in the county. I want to believe his Excellency mention of Avocado farming, tissue culture bananas, grafted mangoes, sweet potatoes and the indigenous sorghum and finger millet alongside beans is not limited to the said crops.

The maize little mycosis disease has completely disable the production of maize in our area and I thinking if the government chooses the alternative cash crops which the hon. Governor said Yesterday, it will be done. Where I come from, sunflower does best and farmers have resorted to planting it not only as a cash crop and I want to loud the Governor because he said we will encourage farmers to get into cooperatives, be in the fore front and innovative farming and we support him. I liked when he urges this Assembly to assist him in making legislative framework that will see him the actualization of work he mentioned.

However, he talked much about provision of water, I must register a disappointment because Kipsonoi wards happens to be the only ward in the republic of Kenya that has zero Assemblyhold out of 13,000 connected to cleaned, piped drinking water.

The Assemblyholds connected to water draws the water from Kipsonoi River and the water is raw. When he said he is commissioning water that will serve Boito, Kimulot Chepchabas and primarily the water project that hon. Changmory has highlighted in Bomet East, I really expected him to be more outright to bring his deliberate attempt to provide clean drinking water in the lower part of Sotik, Ndanai and Rongena Minaret. I want to believe that it was because of the shortness of time otherwise I want to believe his speech was longer so he just alighted a few.

He also said when Chebunyo milk processing plan is opened, it will be able to process 2000 liters per day, from where I come from, Kapkelei sub location, and it produces 6300 liters in the morning only. That's evident that we need more milk processing plans and practically to have it placed close to where the raw materials are produced, we will like the Governor to consider placing another processing plant in Ndanai, Chebole or Siongiroi because this ward produces a lot of milk.

The Governor would have also mention the introduction of a special fund that will go a long way in gathering for the stipends of the persons with disabilities, we have a lot of them in our villages, some of them are not medically covered and funds for their daily needs. I hope on the next speech he won't leave behind people with disabilities. Longisa hospital is overwhelmed and we expect him to create a fund that will go along side in the creation of another referral hospital in the lower side of the county.

Finally, we are losing revenue in slaughter Assemblys. I want to believe the Governor will consider domiciling slaughter Assemblys in the cattle auction fields. One modern slaughter Assembly in Chebunyo will do us best or either in Kapkelei or Kapkwen. We find traders buying cattle's here and transport to slaughter in Mulot Sunset before transportation to Nairobi. I am sure that the Governor could not exhaust everything he has a lot for us, we will support his agenda and I must say he did us proud by opening up for us to scrutinize in this assembly.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): Thank you. Why do not we stop and continue tomorrow? This is so because pursuant to standing order no. 23(4), members can therefore still debate on this issue during Tomorrows sitting.

(Hon. Kiprotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. Wesley Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker, I want to seek indulgence to make an information to the Assembly. I want to inform the Assembly about some terms that we use in this assembly mainly the term a person will say we are talking about “a person living with disability” the correct term is “a person with disability”. We say National council of persons with disability and not national council of persons living with disability. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Cosmas Korir): Thank you hon. member for that point information, be blessed and always if any member feels likes guiding the Assembly, we appreciate. I want to make a communication.

Yesterday the hon. member from Chebunyo surprised me with a cake and I am grateful. I marked the good beginning on my end considering we were opening the Assembly and also it was my birthday. So I want to register my gratitude to you for that. I also want to thank all of you for voting for me on 21st and I promise I will work for you in a fair way. I also want to direct that the Committee on Selection to meet immediately after this plenary so that they can finalise on nomination of the Members to serve in various select Committees. They are meeting today on 12th October, 2022 at 4.30 p. m at the boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to 13th day of October, 2022 at 9. 00 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4. 15 p.m.