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The Assembly met at the Main Assembly Chamber,

Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 9:30 am

Third County Assembly- First Session

Tuesday, 11th October, 2022

*(The Assembly met at 9:30 am in the
County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)*

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

*[His Excellency the Governor (Hon. (Prof.) Hillary Barchok)
escorted by the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly
entered the Chamber at 9:40 am accompanied by the Mace of the Assembly]*

[His Excellency the Governor (Hon. (Prof.) Hillary Barchok) took the Chair of the County]

(The National Anthem of Kenya and the Anthem of the East African Community were played)

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker (Hon Cosmas Korir): I invite the spiritual leaders to pray.

CONVOCATION

CONVENING OF THE INAUGURAL SITTING OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S
ADDRESS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 20 OF OUR COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Speaker (Hon Cosmas Korir): Hon. Governor (Prof.) Hillary Barchok, Members of the County Assembly, ladies and gentlemen, the Standing Order no. 20 of our County Assembly Standing Orders state as follows;

(1) The Governor shall address the opening of the newly elected County Assembly

(2) At the conclusion of the Governor's address the Sitting shall stand suspended or adjourned as the Speaker may direct to such a time and day.

Your Excellency, we are deeply honoured to open this legislative Assembly. Your acceptance to officially open this County Assembly today, symbolises the recognition of the key roles that this Assembly plays in the governance of the county government. I am certain that the Members are eager to listen to your legislative agenda for the next five years.

This occasion marks the beginning of the working relationships between the county executive and the Assembly towards transforming Bomet County for the next five years.

Your Excellency, I am pleased to inform you that this Assembly is now ready to transact its business including the vetting of your appointees, enacting bills and policies and conducting robust oversight in the county executive.

In conclusion, I wish to recognize the following dignitaries present in the Speaker's gallery. They are His Excellency the Deputy Governor, Hon. David Shadrack Rotich, the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board, County Secretary, County Attorney and the spouse of His Excellency the Deputy Governor (Dr. Marceline Rotich).

Your Excellency, today marks an important day in my life too. It is my birthday and it marks a new beginning. Today, I will be turning 40. They said life starts at 40.

With those few remarks, it is now my singular opportunity to invite His Excellency the Governor to officially open this Third County Assembly.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY

His Excellency the Governor (Hon. (Prof.) Hillary Barchok): The Speaker of the Bomet County Assembly, Hon Cosmas Korir, H.E the Deputy Governor, Hon Shadrack Rotich, Honourable

Members of the Third Assembly of Bomet, the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bomet, distinguished People of Bomet, ladies and gentlemen,

Hon. Speaker, I am greatly honoured to grace the inaugural opening of the Third Assembly this 11th day of October, 2022 as bestowed upon me under Standing Order 20 of the County Assembly Standing Orders. It also marks the beginning of a transformational journey for the people of Bomet in the next five years. But first, let me thank our Almighty God and saviour for His everlasting grace and guidance. The electioneering period was a roller coaster for most of us who were seeking elective posts. It is my singular honour therefore to congratulate each and every elected and nominated member for making the cut. We now carry the hopes and aspirations of Bomet citizenry and we must deliver on our pre-election pledges.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to particularly highlight the significant contributions made by the second assembly in passing some of the bills that resonated well with the needs of the common man just as expounded in the bottom up approach among them; Bomet County Support for the Needy 2017, Bomet County Public Participation Bill 2018, Bomet County Equitable Development Bill 2019, Bomet County Enterprise Development Bill 2019, The Bomet County Ward Bursary Fund Bill 2021, The Bomet County Compassionate Assistance Bill 2021 and Bomet County Climate Change 2021 just to mention but a few.

I am elated and upbeat about this Third Assembly which comprises of 25 elected and 13 nominated members (out of the nominated members 11 are women and 2 are men). I am optimistic that this Assembly is equal to the task; that it will transcend all boundaries and commit to serve the people of Bomet equally and without discrimination. It is quite encouraging that we met the 2/3 gender rule in the nomination process not forgetting the nomination of the first ever MCA who has hearing impairment. I believe that this good blend will contribute significantly to the legislative agenda. I also laud the members who have been re-elected to the Assembly notably: Hon. Philip Korir (Kiprerer), Hon. Stephen Koech (Longisa), Hon. Wesley Kiprotich (Chepchas), Hon. Charles Langat (Boito) and Hon. Robert Langat (Mutarakwa). I am sure the new members will draw a lesson or two from your experience in the Assembly.

The honourable Members even as I call for your legislative support, I assure you that my administration is keen on making Bomet an economic powerhouse in the region and beyond. Therefore, I look forward to working harmoniously and consultatively with you for the next five years to actualize my vision for Bomet geared towards the betterment of our people.

Therefore, I implore upon you to carry out your representation and oversight roles with utmost diligence. Keep the Executive in check at all times and I assure you that we will respond and clarify issues promptly as and when required of us as guided by the ethos of public service on accountability and transparency. That said, allow me to outline my plan for the next five years as envisioned in my manifesto which is tailor made to achieve the greater good for our people of Bomet. You can rest be assured that my last term will be signified by legacy projects.

Mr. Speaker, Agriculture is our strong pillar by which we leverage upon to solve food insecurity and create wealth for our people. We need to claim Bomet's recognition as one of Kenya's breadbaskets given our vast and fertile productive lands. We are not only committed to farming for subsistence but also adding value to our agricultural products. We therefore need legislations to develop and promote the tea, dairy, cooperatives and horticultural sectors of our economy. More extension officers are needed to train farmers especially on management of pest and diseases and adopting best agricultural practices.

Our role as government is to protect our people and particularly our farmers from exploitation from middlemen and unscrupulous traders out to reap where they did not sow. In this regard, we will formulate relevant policies for possible legislation by this Honourable Assembly. Tea is our major cash crop and as such, we are keen to boost the crop's productivity and improve postharvest handling of the green leaf. In our first term, we distributed 50,000 tea seedlings through joint collaboration between the County Government and Nyayo Tea Zones. Coffee is also a high potential crop having distributed over 40,000 seedlings through collaboration with the Commodities Fund-Kenya. Its production increased from 750 acres in 2018 to the current 2,400 acres. It is therefore prudent of us to tap into this lucrative crop.

In the dairy sector, the operationalization of the Bomet County Dairy policy will fast-track the opening up of more milk outlets. This is good news to our farmers given that we are about to commission Chebunyo milk processing plant which is touted to process over 2,000 litres of milk daily. This supply will also complement our free school milk programme that supports 53,000 ECDE learners and make the programme sustainable. To support our farmers during these harsh economic times, the subsidy program which has so far realized the distribution of 630,000 seedlings of tissue culture bananas, avocados, grafted mango and sweet potatoes, will be rolled out again. Also, as part of diversification programme, we encourage our farmers to acquire certified beans seeds, sorghum, and finger millet. I encourage our farmers to join cooperatives and

saccos and start a savings culture. Thus, we need to come up with rules and guidelines to regulate the cooperative unions, stabilize prices eventually adding more money to farmers' pockets. The Bomet County Enterprise Development Fund is already in place to start with.

The Sweet Potato processing plant in Lelaitich is due for commissioning. It will process 5,000 kg of raw sweet potato tubers per day and create employment. More than 6,000 sweet potato farmers in parts of Bomet East, Sotik and the entire Chepalungu Sub County till the crop on acreage above 2,300 Ha. On the other hand, Irish potatoes from Bomet are the most sought after by crisps processors. We have an approximate 8,000 Irish potato farmers in Bomet Central, Bomet East and Sotik Sub counties tilling the crop on acreage of 2,899 Ha with a projected profit of Kshs. 4 billion annually. The construction of Chebole Modern chicken processing plant is on the pipeline is projected to process 500 birds per hour.

Mr. Speaker sir, Access to affordable healthcare is still a quagmire to majority of Kenyans who are forced to drain their meagre resources to take care of their sick loved ones. In this regard, my government will seek to boost the universal health coverage (UHC) kitty. To significantly reduce the out-of-pocket payment for health care, the County Government has set aside funds annually to meet the cost of health insurance for the most needy and vulnerable households through the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

I strongly believe in home grown solutions and as such I am confident that our Longisa county referral hospital has qualified medical personnel. We will invest in medical research, partner with medical research institutions such as Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) through exchange programmes to find solutions to the ever-rising cases of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), particularly cancer. We have one-of-a-kind oncology unit in Longisa county referral hospital that was established with a view to decentralizing cancer management services.

The construction of 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 while offering key services to our residents and to our neighbouring counties. We purpose to construct new health facilities in every sub location in far flung areas to reduce the average walking distance to below 5kms as per the WHO recommendations. The community health volunteers (CHVs) play a significant role in health messaging and as such, we will absorb more CHVs and map out all villages for home visits to deliver key health messages and guide the community on health improvement and disease prevention in the county. We now have a total of four ambulances

acquired to respond to emergency equipped with advanced cardiac life support accessories and a utility vehicle. Ultimately, every Sub County will acquire additional ambulances. Therefore, we will need more budget for health infrastructure, medical personnel and equipping our health facilities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Water for all remains our top priority and our target is to connect more households with clean water from the current 20,000 while automating the water billing system. We will extend water pipeline for reticulation in various water supply projects from the current 200 kilometres. We will protect more water springs and construct and desilt water pans. Through collaboration with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), we will complete upgrading the mega Chebang'ang' water project which is expected to benefit over 90,000 Households in Kimulot and Chepchas wards and parts of Boito.

The enactment of the Climate Change Act in 2021 was timely considering that the issue is now a global concern. As a matter of fact, we just commissioned the training of Sub County technical committees to sensitize members of the public at the grassroots on the detrimental effects of climate change. Additionally, we have to adopt resilient agricultural practices and build sustainable food production systems to boost productivity. My administration is committed to protect, conserve and preserve our environment.

My government has continuously focused on the conservation and management of the environment. In the last three years, we adopted a multi-sectoral approach to oversee the management and conservation of fragile ecosystems such as Chepalungu Forest Complex which we are currently rehabilitating. Going forward, we are going to conduct tree planting campaign to restore our forest cover. As it stands, we have planted 5.7 million trees cumulatively and increased forest cover to 22% from 15.2% in 2019 making Bomet the second County nationally to increase its forest cover after Nyeri.

Hon. Speaker, Infrastructure is one of the main drivers of our economic growth, roads in particular, attract investment and spur economic growth in the county. In this regard, my government has developed a road maintenance policy aimed at ensuring longevity of our roads. We have also redoubled our efforts to increase accessibility and ease of movement of people and goods across the county by providing high quality road networks and other public infrastructure.

We will not accept substandard works; all contractors must complete works within the stipulated time to avoid any pending bills as a result of carry-over work. We are focused on expanding our road network and erecting mega bridges to add to the list of our flagship projects namely Dr. Joyce Laboso Muriaisi bridge which connects Boito and Kimulot Wards, Mengichik bridge which connects Bomet Central and Bomet East Sub Counties, Chepkositonik, Kiplakit Bridges, Targambei Bridge, Narc bridge, Kinyang'a footbridge connecting Bomet and Narok counties among others.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is known fact that Bomet County is an investment destination of choice. Thus, there is need to put systems in place to promote the growth of domestic trade, energy, tourism, industrial development and investment to boost our county's GDP. To promote local business development and investment growth we will adopt "One Village One Product Development approach" The informal sector plays a critical role in development as such we will create a favourable environment for our Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) such as the boda boda, mama mboga and Jua Kali artisans to thrive.

Therefore, to unlock business opportunities, we will train more entrepreneurs on business management and entrepreneurial skills. We will introduce annual trade fairs to recognize outstanding enterprises in respective categories. To start us off, my administration has set aside sh 10 million seed capital to boost the boda boda sector. As the world shifts to alternative clean energy, we will encourage the use of solar energy to power our homes, farms, market centres and learning institutions.

Hon. Speaker, operationalizing spatial frameworks has been marred with prevailing institutional and structural challenges, especially on the use of management of land in most counties. It is upon us therefore to incorporate comprehensive strategies and policy guidelines to solve issues related to rural and urban development, industry, infrastructure and human settlement and sustainable environmental management.

My administration has prioritized planning which has been one of the hindrances in the provision of the necessary services in our ever-growing urban centres. We have laid down necessary requirements for possible legislation to implement the housing programme, land administration, optimal land management and employ skilled youth in building low-cost housing in Bomet County. There is need to improve our storm water drainages, extension of sewer lines, upgrading of town roads to bitumen standards.

My government has put in place other physical development control measures based on the land use and physical planning Act, 2019 and Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011. This will bring order and sanity among competing land uses within urban areas. There is also need to enact legislations to guide waste management considering that our urban centres are growing fast and the resources are diminishing. We have already validated urban integrated development plans in Bomet municipality, Mulot Town, Chebunyo Town, Chebole Town, Mogogosiek Town, and Ndanai towns. We have also carried out urban strategic development plans in Sotik, Sigor, Kembu, Siongiroi and Cheptalal towns. What remains is to integrate these plans into the CIDP 3. Most importantly, Bomet is among the first five counties in Kenya to launch its own Spatial Plan which is touted to achieve efficient, productive and sustainable use of land while incorporating comprehensive strategies and policy guidelines to solve issues of rural and urban development, industry, infrastructure and human settlement, ecotourism and sustainable environmental management for the next ten years. The valuation roll will help us to improve land management and related property taxes. We will employ the services of our village elders and households to assist our land officers to map out, value and survey PI lands. We have assets spread across the county and it is high time we set out to possess them. To facilitate this, we will need appropriate legislations.

Mr. Speaker, as a passionate educationist, my desire is to lay a firm foundation for every learner in Bomet to realize their full potential in their academic pursuits. In this regard, we will focus on putting the right measures to build strong foundation from Early childhood learning all through to the University education. As of now, 56,570 learners have been enrolled in the 1,571 ECDE centres in the county representing a 6.9 percent increase in enrolment. In the last five years, we constructed and furnished 305 new Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres, recruited 1,186 ECDE assistants through CPSB. Further, my administration introduced a school feeding program for our formative learners.

For sustainability, Chebunyo Dairy milk plant once commissioned in a couple of days, the school feeding program will be upscaled. There are students who come from vulnerable households but need assistance. We will therefore absorb them under Bomet County Bursary Programme which has so far benefitted 25,788 students on full, partial and affirmative action. We will also partner with HELB to assist needy students with scholarships under our education revolving fund programme which has so far assisted 2,646 students since its inception in 2019.

On the other hand, Bomet County is also keen on technical skills training for students who did not get a chance to join Universities, thus we will provide infrastructural support to our 33 Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in the County with a cumulative enrolment of over 4,000 trainees taking various courses that are tailor-made for the job market. We have recruited 25 VTC Principals on permanent and pensionable terms. We need legislative framework to develop technical skills for our learners by construction and equipping our technical institutions with relevant courses such as textile making, plumbing, mechanical engineering and artisan works.

Mr. Speaker, during our first term, we rolled out paid internship program to over 500 interns. The programme has been successful based on the testimonials from the beneficiaries who have gained entrepreneurial skills and practical knowledge. It is our desire as the Executive that this programme receive enough funding for continuation. Bomet is at the forefront in churning out world renowned sportsmen and women.

We have made efforts to construct and upgrade stadia across the county namely; Tegat Sports athletics camp, Silibwet sports stadium and Terek Sports camp to further improve our sports. This government will leave no one behind, therefore, my administration will re-introduce annual paralympics and deaflympics sports competition to fete our differently-abled sportsmen and women. Bomet is home of creative talent and the cradle for Kalenjin cultural heritage. Last year when we launched the multi-million ultra-modern film and music hub, we set the stage ready for our young talented artists to exploit their creative abilities. Statistically, the Kenyan entertainment industry is worth over Ksh 300 billion and ranked third after South Africa and Nigeria in Africa in the process it employs more than 100,000 talented people both directly and indirectly.

In a swift rejoinder, we have laid necessary framework for own Bomet film industry - Bomawood to contribute to this lucrative industry and make an economic turnaround for our young creatives. I am optimistic that this Assembly will legislate on how to develop and promote creative industry through establishment of Film Fund. Thus, moving forward, we will recommend its adoption in the forthcoming CIDP 3 and align it to the Kenya Vision 2030 that is pegged on digital economy. Further, the recently launched software factory in Mulot is touted to incubate ideas of our tech savvy youth whose technical skills are renowned countrywide. This will give our youth a conducive environment to bridge the digital and economic divide. We will therefore submit our proposal to acquire a village in the Konza Technopolis.

The Honourable Members As we encourage our people to form or join registered groups so as to easily access funding, I am also calling on Bomet leadership that we create an enabling environment for business start-ups to thrive. My government is committed to empowering the vulnerable groups in our society by creating a conducive environment for them to start income generating activities and enable them to access county government opportunities such as tenders, bursaries and scholarships. We will adhere to the 30% AGPO to the youth, women and the abled differently persons. In our bid to stop gender-based violence (GBV) in the county, we have formed a gender technical committee to create awareness on GBV, do assessment of health facilities, map out rescue centres, training of duty bearers and service providers on prevention, response and management of gender-based violence. There are also several cases of Sexual Gender based violence which are becoming a thorny issue.

I am still perturbed by the recent SGBV case of 10-year-old girl Shariffa Chepngetich who was molested by a close family member. Such barbaric acts do not have a place in society. This is unacceptable and I take this earliest opportunity to call upon the security forces to apprehend the culprit and the judiciary to expedite justice to the family of the young girl. No child shall have to undergo such atrocity from the very people who are entrusted to take care of them. Rest in Peace Shariffa.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the trend of SGBV is worrying in Bomet and it needs our urgent intervention before it boils over. I am calling for stringent legislations to curb such societal vices. Bomet has registered a 5% increase of SGBV cases compared 8.3% on national level. To this far, my administration has formulated SGBV policy which is now at the Assembly. I also want to encourage victims of any form of GBV to come out and speak up, report the cases to the police or contact our gender and social services officers. I laud our partners like the Kenya Red Cross Society who are working with our officers to sensitize the public over SGBV. So, let us join hands and pass legislation to protect the vulnerable members of the society and preserve the dignity of our girls.

Lastly, Mr Speaker Sir, In our efforts to restore hopes in the public service, my government will recruit more staff to its workforce. In the first term we recruited 1,255 members of the village council (MVCs) and 251 sub ward administrators. To bring services closer to the people, I will from time to time discharge my duties from our ward offices. Further I have restructured the

executive to include the devolution and special programmes docket. This, is guided by the tenets of public participation, citizen's engagement and good public governance.

Since public participation is a key component to development, we will establish Project Management Committees that will oversee any project before implementation. This will go a long way in monitoring the progress of any project and getting the wananchi to own the projects. We will soon establish call centres to manage citizen engagement and redress mechanism to strengthen public participation.

Mr. Speaker Sir Bomet County is greatly indebted to the invaluable support it has received from its new and existing development partners such as the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), World Vision Kenya, World Wide Fund (WWF), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Forests Working Group, East African Wildlife Society. Global Communities, USAID, The World Bank, African Development Bank, the National Government and the Media.

On the same note, I will be seeking the approval of the Assembly to support bilateral partnership agreement between the county government of Bomet and our development partners and international agencies. For instance, the talks to create twin cities between Bomet County and the Region of Ilia in Greece at the cabinet level before submission to the Assembly. There are also talks on direct tea sales between Bomet County and several provinces in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

While acknowledging the financial support we get from the National Treasury especially on development, we are faced with delays in disbursement to counties which subsequently affect our development agenda. This has therefore necessitated the need to look out for alternative sources through Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework. PPP has the potential to enable Bomet County to implement high quality projects and accelerate economic development and improves efficiencies in delivering public services.

To us this is a low hanging fruit. But first we need to customize the existing regulatory framework in the utility sectors to facilitate PPPs such as Public Private Partnership (PPP) Bill 2021 to fit our county specific needs. After approval by the county assembly, we can then submit a list of projects to the Directorate of Public Private Partnerships for inclusion in the published national list of projects. Bomet County can then enter into PPP agreements with private parties. As a matter of

fact, there are a number of development partners who are ready to work with us for instance: Movement for Community-Led Development (MCLD).

Let me also talk about the County Human Resource Management and Development

The County Executive has experienced some human resource challenges that have hindered smooth operation and effective delivery of its mandate. Having inherited a mix of staff from the national Government, previous local authorities and staff it recruited, the county has been struggling to have a harmonized system of managing the staff, and manageable wage bill.

The proper functioning of the County Governments and appropriate staffing component is significant in ensuring the devolved units have the requisite personnel and the properly managed public service that exhibits the values and principles of public service as stipulated in Article 232 of the Constitution such as high standards of professional ethics, prudent use of resources; responsive, prompt, effective, impartial and equitable provision of services, fair competition and merit as the basis of appointments and promotions, adequate and equal opportunities for appointment, training and advancement, at all levels of the public service.

Further, the Human Resource Policies and Procedures Manual, 2016 provides guidelines for the management and development of human resource capacity. In order to achieve an effective and efficient county public service, we undertook a Staff Rationalization exercise to align functions and assist the departments to be efficient and effective to facilitate good working relationships. This exercise vouches for the harmonization of different remuneration structures and conversion of the remaining staff to the County Public Service Board Grades.

This will ensure harmonization of the existing salary and grading structure of the staff of the County for parity of treatment, ease of salary administration and transparency in awarding allowances and other benefits. Secondly, it ensures that all staff are properly mapped and paid through the IPPD system. Thirdly, addressing and effectively facilitate service delivery reforms for the Bomet Water and Sanitation Company (BOWASCO) and Embomos Tea Farm Units and addressing harmonization of titles and common designations for staff undertaking similar jobs to ease career progression and payroll administration.

We also embarked on reviewing staff establishment and adoption of national government schemes of service that have resulted in the promotion of a number of our staff on various cadres. Some of our staff had stagnated in the same job group since 2013 because of inadequate of vacancies. With

current approved staff establishment, we have managed to promote quite number of our staff for the last three years. We are also undertaking digitization of HR processes and Unified Human Resource Information System (UHRIS) to securely capture employee's requisite employment documents, attendance of duties, allocation of enabling resources to employees and asset management. We are also working toward ensuring a manageable wage bill.

I intend to build on my foundational HR initiatives I developed on my first term to ensure a well remunerated and motivated work force. Our wage bill is too high as a result of a bloated workforce that is not commensurate with the quality of service delivery. We have formulated a HR policy framework which will be brought to the floor of the Assembly for debate. In managing the wage bill, my government will continue to recruit to fill the vacancies on critical areas based on prevailing staff needs and workload in accordance with service regulations and provisions of the staff establishment.

The county public service still experiences skills gap on agricultural extension, agricultural engineering, livestock husbandry, water engineers, trade development, weight & measures, environmental, culture, artistic hubs, social, gender development personnel among other staff needs where we need additional staff. However, a manageable wage bill remains my focus in relation to improved delivery of services to Bomet citizenry. To realize this, we intend to increase revenue base and possibility of mapping new revenue streams toward the attainment of best practices of wage bill management.

The Human Resource Policies and Procedures Manual for the Public Service stipulates that 'public officers shall at all times carry out the duties of the office with impartiality and objectivity and not engage in political activities that may compromise the political neutrality of his activities in accordance with Chapter 13, Article 232 of the Constitution. In this regard, I have always urged my staff to perform their assigned duties and avoid engaging in politics as it will interfere with their service delivery. In this regard, I thank our members of staff who have served diligently despite the challenges.

Hon. Speaker, you will agree with me that the money we receive from the National Treasury is not sufficient to undertake county development projects and run its operations thus the need to streamline our own sources of revenue. With the help of the Assembly, we will create checks and balances to draft comprehensive own sources of revenue. We will welcome any legislative support

on building own-source revenue. We must improve our revenue collections by tightening the checks and balances in our systems and minimizing revenue leakages.

One of the measures will be automation of revenue collection. We will need to take train our officers and take them through capacity building on revenue enhancement and management, action plans and setting realistic revenue targeting and forecasting.

As I conclude despite the bottlenecks of devolution, Bomet is on an upward trajectory on matters development and I am optimistic about the future of our County. Our resolve to achieve greater heights of prosperity, will be achieved through concerted efforts between the two arms of governments and various stakeholders. Let us maintain the unity of purpose among the entire leadership of Bomet including our Senator Hon. Wakili Hillary Sigei, the Women Representative Hon. Linet Chepkorir and our Members of Parliament.

To the People of Bomet, thank you for your hard work, determination and good will. There will be an equitable distribution of resources, corruption-free governance, equal opportunities for all and a conducive business environment for everyone. I thank you most sincerely for your individual votes and I assure you that I will not let you down. Let the love for our County be our true inspiration.

Thank you.

God bless the Great People of Bomet.

God bless Bomet County.

Finally, to the Speakaer, Happy Birthday!

(Applause)

NOTICES OF MOTION

EXPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order no. 23 (4), I seek to give a Notice of a Motion Speaker that;

The thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of His Excellency the Governor delivered today Tuesday, 11th October, 2022 at 9. 30 a.m.

(The Hon. Member laid the Notice at the Table of the Assembly)

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the on the Table of the County Assembly the Governor's speech delivered today Tuesday, 11th October, 2022 at 9. 30 a.m.

(The Hon. Member laid the Speech at the Table of the Assembly)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon Cosmas Korir): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday 11th October, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

All the Members are also welcomed for tea at the old Chamber.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Hon. Members rose in their places while His Excellency the Governor left the Chamber)

The Assembly rose at 11:00 am.