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The Assembly met at the Chamber,

Main Assembly Buildings at 3:40 p. m.

[Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. Wesley Kiprotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, welcome to today's business. This afternoon, I have received communication from His Excellency the Governor of Bomet, Dr. Hillary Barchok on the submission of names recommended for vetting to the position of Chief Officers. Hon. Members, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, His Excellency the Governor hereby forwards the following names recommended for vetting by the County Assembly to positions of the Chief Officers

1. Jackson Kipkorir Langat, ID. No. 1794330 - Department of Public Service
2. Benard Cheruiyot, ID. No. 2353426 - Department of Finance

Attached, please find copies of the Curriculum Vitae and testimonials for ease of reference and necessary action. Thank you for the continued support and cooperation. Signed by His Excellency, Dr. Hillary Barchok – Governor, Bomet County.

Hon. Members, as far as our law is concerned and as far as our Standing Orders are concerned, I therefore commit the name of the Chief Officer designate, Jackson Kipkorir Langat to the Committee on Labour and Public Service and I direct that you bring back the

report to this House within 14 days.

Secondly, Benard Cheruiyot of the department of Finance is hereby committed to the Committee of Finance and ICT and the same Standing Order requires that the committee tables a report in this House within 14 days.

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

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Langat.

Hon. A. Langat: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise a few issues concerning the Order Paper. According to our Order Paper, we are supposed to start our sessions at 2:30 p.m. We have started our session at 3:47 p.m. Are we going to treat this as one session or two sessions? Give us directions. Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): For avoidance of doubt, Hon. A. Langat, indeed we were supposed to have this session at 2:30 p.m. but owing to some issues that we were able to refer back the letter that we got at that time, we were not able to sit at 2:30 p.m. If we were to come, bearing in mind that it was a must that this commutation be done, then we would have suspended the House or had a Procedural Motion moved so that we can have another sitting within this session. Now that it was unfortunate that we did not sit so that we can have a Procedural Motion, this is treated as one sitting.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Kirui.

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you. I beg for permission to move a Procedural Motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): What is it about?

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, it is about sitting and the pandemic as well.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Proceed, Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. J. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I rise to move the Procedural Motion that pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (3) (c), this County Assembly resolves to sit on Tuesday, 23rd June

2020 at 9.00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, due to the fact that we are still faced with the Covid-19 pandemic, I move this Procedural Motion so that we transact the business that is before the House. The most crucial business before the House right now is on budget estimates that is supposed to be deliberated on before the stipulated dateline of 30th June. Owing also to the fact that we have always been at home and at times coming to address matters pertaining to the welfare of this Committee, I therefore move this Procedural Motion and request the Members to support this Procedural Motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I request the Deputy Leader of Majority to Second this Procedural Motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Chepkwony.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you. I rise to Second the Procedural Motion to sit on the said date so that we dispense with what is on our Table. This is the best and wise method of having the next Sitting because if we adjourn the normal way without moving the Procedural Motion, the dates of connecting Nairobi where we have the government printers, poses danger and is a bigger challenge.

I urge the Members to support the motion so that we sit on that day and deliberate on the said items right from the budgetary issues and other matters of this House. I urge this House to pass and accept to sit on that day. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, I propose the question pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (3) (c), this County Assembly resolves to sit on Tuesday, 23rd June 2020 at 9.00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Hon. Haron.

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you. I rise to support the Motion by the Hon. Leader of Majority. Indeed, as we are faced with the challenges of covid-19 pandemic. We also should be dealing with budget estimates which the Public Finance Management Act states that it should be completed before 30th June of every year. It is wise for us to come for that session. The document of budget estimates is before my Committee. Having that Sitting would be best so that we finalize and allow the county government to continue with its

operations. I support without any reservation. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Maritim.

Hon. D. Maritim: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you for the opportunity to support this Motion. This is now a new normal. I support this procedural motion because we have businesses before us that we need to approve for example, the budgetary estimates and the names of the Chief Officers.

I would wish also sometimes that we move businesses out of this House so that we handle businesses even in Ndanai Market. We need to make changes sometimes even as we accept this new normal.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Ambrose.

Hon. A. Koech: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, thank you. I stand to support the Procedural Motion. I think it is important that we finalize as stipulated by law. I also agree with the Hon. Member representing Ndanai/Abosi Ward that we can have a tent outside the House so that some Members can sit outside.

I support the Motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Langat.

Hon. A. Langat: Hon. Acting. Speakers, Sir, I support the Motion. We have a lot of pending businesses. Apart from the budget estimates which has definite timelines, there are a lot of businesses. For instance, the employment is going on and there are a lot of issues already raised. However, because of the new normal, we may not have a lot of information. Since we are limited to interacting with the electorate, we can only be Sitting to complement the interaction.

I support the motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Clara.

Hon. C. Cherotich: Thank you Hon. Acting. Speakers, Sir, I support the Procedural Motion.

With the new normal, we have to consider all the Wards. Therefore, all the MCAs, should be attending the plenary sessions. The Senate and the National Assembly Members are all attending the Plenary sittings.

Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, before I put the Question, you have indirectly sought my attention. For your information, the Parliament is run by many procedural Motions. Last week, when the Budget was about to be read, there was a procedural Motion moved to allow the Members look at the document first. If we look at the Parliament, the only full House is the Senate.

When we adjourned *sine die* there are rules and procedures that I issued. Until I give another direction, it will be only 16 Members Sitting at the Plenary. However, if the new-normal persist, I will issue another direction. This means that there will be additional Members joining the required 16. We can resort to have an extension of the Plenary outside the Chamber. Therefore, we will have a new procedural Motion probably next week.

Hon. Members, we are allowed by law to conduct *Bunge Mashinani* but that is a matter to be dealt with administratively.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 at 9. 00 a.m.

(The House rose at 4. 20 p. m.)