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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, we have been invited for dinner today in the evening at 6:30 p.m. by His Excellency the Governor. There will be visitors from Malaysia Business Community. All Members are invited to the Fair Hills Hotel.

PAPERS

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday 14th March 2023: A report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Bomet County Medium Term County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed, Hon. Member.

(Hon. Member laid the Paper)

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday 14th March 2023: The Bomet Public Service Board Annual Report (December, 2023)

I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed, Hon. Member.

(Hon. Member laid the Paper)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. E. Kirui

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 199 (3) (c) this County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Bomet County Medium Term County Fiscal

Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 and pursuant to Section 117 (6) of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012 approves the Bomet County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024 with amendments.

Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed to Table, Hon. Chair.

(Hon. Member proceeded to table)

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I seek leave to move a Procedural Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 30 (b) (2), this County Assembly adjourns for fifteen minutes.

This is to allow us fix in a Motion that will come up within this Sitting. I request Hon. Member from Chemaner to Second.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I Second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): From what you have put forward, together with the Seconder, we will break for fifteen minutes and the resume thereafter.

(The Assembly was suspended for fifteen minutes)

(The Assembly resumed after break)

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Benard, you are supposed to rise and not raise your hand.

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker, thank you. My Question is to the Chairperson, Committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing concerning the status of land parcel number Kericho/Kaboson 347 Public Utility land in Chebunyo ward. I wish to be specifically informed on the following:

- i. What is the current ownership status of the said parcel of land?
- ii. Is the department aware that the said parcel of land which was earlier reserved for public utility has since been encroached or grabbed by a private hospital?
- iii. If it is true that it has been encroached or grabbed, what really transpired on the parcel file of the said parcel of land?
- iv. What practical steps are being undertaken by the County Government to recover the said parcel of land and other similarly grabbed public utility land within the county?

Hon. Speaker, I beg to table.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed.

(Hon. Member proceeded to table)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I direct the Members of the Committee on Lands, Urban Planning and Housing to answer the Question by the Hon. Member from Chebunyo on or before 28th March 2023. That is 14 days from now.

Hon. Members I had asked for a response on a Question which was raised by Hon. Dancel Kirui on 22nd February 2023 regarding the casual workers working in the county. The Question was committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service. Do you have the response?

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker, thank you. On the response to the said Question, I request for more time to enable the Committee to conclude the matter and develop a comprehensive report on the Question asked by the Hon. Member. We received the response from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) and had schedule to dispense the matter with the seeker of the Statement at the Committee level but the emergence of the proposed CFSP 2023/2024 with strict timelines diverted the Committee business towards the said document.

We have scheduled to invite the seeker of the Statement to our Committee and engage the County Secretary and the CECM in charge of Public Service over this critical matter involving casual workers.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee therefore requests for an additional fourteen days so that we can dispense over the matter amicably and present to this Assembly a comprehensive report. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): That time is too long. Can you respond to it in 7 days?

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): We will try, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): There was also a Question by Hon. Peter Mutai raised on the 22nd February 2023 concerning Mara Amalo river which is serving the residents of Kiprerres ward and Chebunyo ward within our county. The Question was committed to the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Do we have the response ready?

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I may not be in a position today to answer the Question because we were given a response by the CECM which was not satisfactory. I ask for 3 more days.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Give us the response on 22nd March 2023.

There was also a Question by Hon. Changmorik on 22nd February 2023 regarding the status of vocational training centres (VTCs) across the county. The Question was committed to the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports. Do we have a response?

Any Member of the Committee?

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker, thank you. On behalf of the Chairperson and the committee, we have looked at the Question and consulted the CECM, together with the Chief Officer (CO), but because of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) that came along with strict timelines we are yet to compile the report and present in due course. Kindly give us 7 days to get the report ready.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you. That request is granted.

MOTION

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 199 (3) (c) this County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the Bomet County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 and pursuant to Section 117 (6) of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012 approves the Bomet County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/2024 with amendments.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation to present to this County Assembly the Committee's report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2023/24 submitted to the County Assembly by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance on the 28th February 2023.

Hon. Speaker, one of the mandates of the Committee is to examine the County Fiscal Strategy Paper presented to the County Assembly. The provisions of the Public Finance Act 2012 require the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly by 28th February of the year. The Act further provides that not later than 14 days after its submission, the County Assembly shall consider and may adopt it with or without amendments.

Hon. Speaker, in reviewing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Committee on Budget and Appropriation had a five-day retreat to receive submission from sectoral committees and compile this report. During its consultative meetings the Committee managed to get the views from the members of the public, sectoral committees and the clerk of the Assembly. The Committee however failed to receive finance views by the time of compiling this report. The CECM only notified the Committee that he was engaged on official engagements during the period he was

required to appear before the Committee and would submit responses as soon as assisted the Committee to make an informed judgement.

Mr. Speaker sir, the importance of this document in the budget process cannot be overemphasized. It is an equivalent of a Budget Policy Statement for national government. An approved Fiscal Strategy Paper is as good as a budget for the reason that PFM regulations limit any changes on the ceilings after its adoption at 1%. The document sets out broad objectives, policy goals and strategic priorities that guide the County Governments in preparing their budgets both for the following financial year and over the medium term. Ideally, it should contain four key elements as explained here under:

Budget performance in the previous year and the first six months of the current year:

Since the document is produced in February, it should contain data on revenue and expenditure from June to December of the implementation year. These performance data is important for making decisions about what is realistic going forward. It guides in arriving at realistic revenue estimates.

While the projections are at a highly aggregate level, it should include broad categories for revenue (National Revenue Allocation, County Own Revenue, Conditional grants, etc.) and expenditure for both recurrent and development.

Priorities in the budget. The narrative section on priorities in the CFSP should explain the choices made in the coming budget year among different sectors, for example why Water has been prioritized but not the Education sector. The budgets for each sector can then be examined to see if the narrative and the numbers match. It should be possible to then link these narrative explanations to the numbers in the ceilings section.

Ceilings are the maximum amount of funds going to each sector. The CFSP determine the final distribution of funds across sectors. The sector ceilings, and how it is changing over time is useful for understanding which programmes will be prioritized in the coming year.

Mr. Speaker, on the legal framework Section 117 of the PFM Act provides that;

“(1) The County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, by the 28th February of each year.

Upon review of the document, the committee made the following findings and observations;

The committee carried out an assessment on the extent to which the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2023/2024 FY has complied with legal compliance and obtained the following results;

1. The document was submitted on 28th February, 2023 which is in line with requirements of the law.
2. The CFSP has outlined a number of national objectives.
3. The allocation to PE is 44% way above the ceiling of 35% and the allocation to Development expenditure is 22% far much below the minimum ceiling of 30%. The expenditure however meets the requirements of a balance budget.
4. The information was clearly outlined. Expenditure details contained in the provided draft budget estimates.
5. The document highlighted that the public participation was conducted during the preparation process. However, there is no accompanying minutes to ascertain and how the public inputs were considered. The document cannot be accessed in the county website.

On the adherence to the fiscal responsibility principles, PFM Act 2012 and the PFM (County) Regulations 2015 require the County Government to adhere to the following guidelines:

- i. The County Government's recurrent expenditure shall not exceed the County Government's total revenue; Provision complied
- ii. Over the medium term a minimum of thirty percent of the County Government's Budget shall be allocated to the development expenditure; Provision not complied
- iii. The County Government's expenditure on wages and benefits for its public officers shall not exceed 35% percentage of the County Government's total revenue as prescribed by the County Executive Member for Finance in regulations and approved by the County Assembly; Provision not complied
- iv. Over the medium term, the County Government's borrowings shall be used only for the purpose of financing development expenditure and not for recurrent expenditure; the paper has not provided for borrowing. It clearly stated that, "the county does not envisage borrowing to finance the budget."
- v. The County Debt shall be maintained at a sustainable level as approved by County Assembly; Counties have not yet obtained greenlight to borrow
- vi. The fiscal risks shall be managed prudently; Fiscal risks including ballooning pending bills and wage bill have not been adequately addressed
- vii. A reasonable degree of predictability with respect to the level of Tax Rates and Tax bases shall be maintained, taking into account any Tax reforms that may be made in the future
This provision was not clearly articulated;

On the county source of revenue, the Treasury revised its own source revenue target upwards from the current FY target of KES 300 M to KES 305 M. Historically own source revenue collections have not gone beyond KES 212 Million.

Some of the measures that the County Treasury intends to put in place to enhance local revenue include; enhancement of automation of revenue streams, full operationalization of revenue collection and enforcement framework, expansion of revenue streams, enactment of supporting revenue administration laws and preparation of valuation roll.

Summary of the analysis of the current Budget verses the proposed ceilings

Development	1,579,664,469	2,439,183,482	(859,519,013)	-54%
Personal emoluments	44%	38%		
Operation & maintenance	34%	33%		
Development	22%	29%		

The above table clearly indicates that the CFSP seeks to increase allocations for personnel from 38% to 44% in contravention of the Fiscal responsibility principles which sets the ceiling at 35%. Proposed allocation for operations & maintenance increased by 1% while development will drop from 29% to 22%. The total revenue will drop significantly from KES 8.2 billion to KES 7.2 billion comparatively shading off 15%. This is due to the fact that the County Treasury has not anticipated to realize *most* of the donor funds and grants.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the budget process, undergoes through intricate framework where the contents of a preceding document, for example, flows from the preceding document must always be traceable back and forth. Unfortunately, we are processing CFSP ahead of ADP and CIDP ostensibly due to their delays in submission to the County Assembly.

Approval of CIDP and ADP are ordinarily expected to precede approval of CFSP. For this reason, therefore, we should fast track approval of the stated documents.

On the county economic outlook, the committee notes that whereas the paper attempted to provide National Economic Outlook, it should have attempted to provide County Economic Outlook which is helpful in developing county priorities and mitigation measures. The committee advises the department to be partnering with KNBS in order to be more accurate and to obtain county data for informed judgment and reporting.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Article 201(a) of the constitution 2010 requires openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters.

In compliance with the said Article, the Committee conducted public participation on 8th March 2023 at the County Assembly grounds. Prior to the event, it had been advertised in Daily Nation newspaper of 4th March 2023. The event gave the opportunity to the members of the public and other interest groups to react on the document and to confirm whether their views were taken into consideration during the preparatory stage of the document.

During the event, participants freely submitted their independent views on the document.

Here are their reactions, Views and Feedback: -

Administration;

1. That the allocation for drugs and substance control be increased from KES 10 million to KES 20 million to facilitate the development of rehabilitation centers in the county.
2. That the allocation for Disaster Management be reduced and the resources be allocated to other critical development activities.

Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

3. That the proposed allocations for fisheries be increased to KES 30 million so as to provide for fingerlings and capacity building to farmers.
4. That the allocations for value addition be increased to KES 60 million to provide facilitation for the improvement of the Chebole chicken slaughterhouse, and Lelaitich potato processing plant, and to facilitate branding of the said products.
5. That the County Government should assist the farmers in identifying reliable markets for the farm products like Pumpkins.

Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports

6. That the allocation for ECDs is increased from its proposed allocations to cater for the construction of additional ECDE and Vocational Training centers.
7. That the allocation for youth and sports be increased from its allocation to KES 100 million and the activities thereof be devolved to ward level.

Gender, Culture and Social Services

8. That the allocations for Children and Social protection be increased from its proposed allocation to facilitate support of Children's homes in Ndanai and Mosop.
9. That the County Government should partner with the National Government in order to promote and improve culture and library services and to equip the libraries to facilitate research studies.

Health and Sanitation

10. That the allocation for health infrastructure be increased from its proposed allocation of KES 90 million so as to ensure that more additional health centers are constructed or completed.

Roads, Public Works and Transport

11. That the allocation for County Transport infrastructure be increased and that the allocated resources be utilized as per the budgetary limits.

12. The construction and maintenance of roads be given priority in the next financial year as per the set limit.

Water, Sanitation, Environment and Climate Change

13. That the allocation for wastewater management be increased to facilitate for installation of an efficient sewerage system

14. That the allocation for policy planning and administrative services be reduced by KES 11 million and the same amount be added to Irrigation development to provide water for irrigation majorly in drought-prone areas of Chepalungu and Sotik.

Finance, ICT and Economic Planning

1. That the allocation for Information Communication Technology (ICT) be increased from its allocation so as to ensure that technology is mainstreamed in the provision of services in all departments.

2. That the allocation for policy formulation, coordination, planning, monitoring, and evaluation be reduced and the amount saved be moved to the health department to cater to its critical development needs.

The following are summary of the comments from the CRA on the proposed Bomet County CFSP for the FY 2023/2024;

1. Pending bills

The commission noted that the proposed CFSP has noted included any pending bills or a statement on the pending bill. The commission advises the county to clear any eligible pending bill and include it in the proposed CFSP.

2. Align of CFSP to national objectives

The commission noted the proposed CFSP has aligned its strategic priorities to the national objectives for the critical areas as per requirements of Section 117(2) of The Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Section 8(c) of the Controller of Budget (CoB) Act, 2016, requires that the County Executive Committee member responsible for finance at the time of submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly submit a copy of the same to the Controller of Budget.

Under this requirement, the controller of the budget obtained and reviewed the submitted Bomet County Fiscal Strategic Paper for FY 2023/24. The submission is hereby annexed to this report.

The following are summary of comments from the controller of budget concerning the proposed CFSP;

- a. The Controller of budget submitted that CFSP lack of up-to-date information on the County's actual expenditure and revenue collection. The document has not given the actual expenditure/performance and OSR collection for the FY 2021/2022 financial year and therefore it was not possible to ascertain whether the intended strategies for the FY 2021/22 were met. The controller of budget advises the County to consider providing information on the performance of the previous year's expenditure and revenue collection while also considering all established funds and payments to county corporations so as to determine whether they are meeting their desired objectives and the said information should then be linked with the strategies and interventions for FY 2023/24.
- b. The Controller of Budget noted that the CFSP has allocated 44 percent of the FY 2023/24 budget to wages and benefits whereas the fiscal responsibility principle as elaborated under Regulation 25(1b) of the PFMA (CG), 2015 has capped the wages and benefits allocation at 35 percent of the county government revenue. The controller of budget recommends that the County should put in place plans in the medium term to align the wage bill allocation to the mentioned regulation.

Mr. Speaker, I will go straight to request the Hon. members that the input by the Sectoral committees, since most of them are members of the Sectoral committees I request that to go straight to the submission, by the CEC, Pursuant to PFM Act Regulation 26(3), the Committee notified and invited (in writing) the CECM Finance, Mr. Andrew Sigei, via a letter dated 11th March 2023 to appear before it on 12th March 2023 during its deliberation meeting held at Kisumu City County, Sunset Hotel Impala Hall to clarify on a number of issues raised in the letter and to submit his views on the recommendations made by the committee.

Via a rejoinder in a letter dated 12th March 2023, the CECM Finance wrote to the committee apologizing for not being able to attend the committee meeting as scheduled sighting that he was at the time in Nairobi preparing to appear before the senate on Monday of 13th March 2023. He

stated that he will try to find time on Tuesday 14th March or Wednesday 15th March 2023 to meet with the committee.

The committee noted that it had strict timeline to conclude the report and table before County Assembly by 14th March 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the law. Following this development and due to the strict legal deadline given to the Assembly to process the CFSP, the committee noted that it had no option but to proceed without the comments of the CECM Finance. In view of the foregoing observations, and in consideration of submissions from various stakeholders including members of the public, Sectoral committees, and Clerk of the Assembly, the committee made the following raft of recommendations;

1. The committee welcomed the decision of the County Executive to annex list of projects to the document noting that it was a step in the right direction. It however, notes that some projects in some Wards may have erroneously been left out. The committee therefore recommended that the projects to be implemented in the financial year 20123/2024 must be those derived from the approved Annual Development plan for FY 2023/2024 currently being processed by the County Assembly.
2. The Committee made the following adjustments across the spending;

APPROVED ADJUSTMENTS	<u>ADDITION</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>
PUBLIC SERVICE		
SALARIES		430,000,000
MEDICAL COVER		20,000,000
SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES FOR COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS		2,140,389
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD		
PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS		5,000,000
BOARD COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCE		3,000,000
COUNTY EXECUTIVES		
LEGAL DUES/FEES		6,000,000
PURCHASE OF UNIFORM	1,000,000	
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		17,000,000

In conclusion, the above proposed new areas of funding and re-allocations do not add an extra burden to the Fiscal framework. The Committee adhered to the total gross revenue projections. Therefore, these recommendations do not create an additional financing gap.

Hon Speaker I request Hon Cheptoo to Second.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Cheptoo.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena Manaret Ward, UDA): Thank you very much. I rise to second the motion on the CFSP. I must appreciate the work done by the Sectoral Committee during the meeting at Kisumu. We did our best and considering that what our sector is so essential. As the water department we anticipate that we have to connect about 98 per cent by the end of five years. So at the moment, we have about 20 per cent households have access to water. So in that department, we requested that we should be given an additional allocation for last mile connectivity and also water harvesting and storage.

I am really happy and I appreciate the committee. Also in the issue of energy, we added about six million making it Ksh. 10 million. I also want to commend the digital forensics, as we are aware that we are we have a feeding program, which has been running since and I feel we are using a lot of money. We spent about Ksh. 5 million a year to purchase milk.

In the issue on the other side of education we consider bursary as you are aware most student cannot join secondary because of lack of bursary. Hon Speaker I Second the Motion.

(Question on the Motion Proposed)

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker let me first take this opportunity to thank the Committee on budget. This is the first budget in the third assembly. The budget we were using was done by the Second Assembly. This budget considered the Public Finance Management Act, which states that the ceiling for the domain should be around 30 which I thank the committee for seeing sense to make the development to raise up to 30%. we had a lot of amendments trying to make the budget to be inclusive in considering our electorates by doing the public participation. We need to make our finance bill so that we can raise revenue. This is The Governor's legacy, because when we were making the CFSP we ensured that we made his legacy come true. I urge the Members to support.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon Members in the public Gallery we have Rono Ernest from Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) and Rotich Collins. You are welcome. Hon. Kichirchir our session is supposed to end at 4.30 let us keep time.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker, I rise in support of the motion but before then allow me to make few observations in relation to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper before the

Assembly. I must laud the efforts made by the committee on budget appropriation indeed analyzing a voluminous document in a span of 14 days and be able to give a report is not an easy task. My attention is drawn to the fundamentals of the principles of governance. I want to be very particular to the department where I lead a committee which oversight ...

(Interrupted by the Speaker)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon Members I request you allow the Leader of Minority to Move a Procedural Motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Leader of Minority (Hon. K. Ngetich, Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon Speaker I beg to move a procedural motion that this county assembly resolve to extend its sitting time until the business of the day is completed. I urge Hon Peter from Merigi ward to second.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker I Second.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed Hon. Ronoh.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi): Nonetheless, I want to believe that though we have passed a Procedural Motion in recent times that we might as well be in a position to complete the business before time. Mr. Speaker I wanted to make a point and this is a house of rules and the cardinal rules that govern the operations of not only this assembly we derive our existence from the constitution of Kenya. Further Mr. Speaker the county government Act is also key but on matters fiscal that touch money, we make reference to the Public Finance Management Act. Mr. Speaker This one sets the precedents on how they are supposed to be appropriate and when the committee on budget chose to make the guidelines of the budget to be close to conformity with the law and I must laud them. For Over time development budget has been way low the setting and I want to ask them in the upcoming years, you should not deviate even 0.1% from the set guidelines from the Look, Mr. Speaker I studied Elementary Law when I was doing Economics in the University of Nairobi I was taught the sources of Finance. Here in Bomet the projection and submission from the department of economic planning to allocate a mere 2.8% The effort by committee on budget to increase to a reasonable percent way below the target again at 4.8% is appreciated. I want to raise a concern on public participation; the committee invited members of the public to give their submissions and none of them has been reflected in their recommendation. The manifesto of the president is to invest on the blue economy and wanted Bomet to be part of the fisheries investment. Unfortunately, there is little or no allocation in the said

department. We have soil that can hold fish bonds. It's time to get serious. The public members also requested the committee to make allocations for value addition to increase to 60 million to facilitate the improvement of Chebole chicken slaughterhouse and Lelaitich sweet potato processing plant. I did not see the final report of the committee. I support the document and we must pass.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Welcome hon...

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): I stand to support the motion. Thank you, speaker, I am rising in support of the motion. I thank the honorable members for availing themselves for the work they were supposed to do and their work done within the dateline. I also thank the relevant department for submitting this proposal of the draft to the honorable house before the end of February. My attention is drawn to matters of adherence to fiscal responsibility. We are raising the development by an allocation from 22% to 30% Mr. Speaker. Our mandate is to ensure that the proposals from the department will always adhere to this fiscal responsibility because matters of public finance management are very crucial and we shall stick to ensuring that these percentages are maintained. I also observed that the proposals on the operations is always high rate and we should look deeply into this to have developments in the lead. Having a proposal of 305 million is an area that we have to look into seriously and we must look for measures to close this gap before we have a shortage. This force on health facilities is also crucial. People will be happy knowing that this honorable house has considered having a finance force for health facilities in this coming financial year. I want to encourage the committee to support this document to be passed. Thank you Mr. speaker

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much the member.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot ward, UDA): I don't have any additional and I just want to thank the honorable members for supporting the document.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

Hon. B. Rotich (Chebunyo Ward, INDEPENDENT): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I beg to move the following THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 201(5), this County Assembly notes the Report of Labour and Public Service Committee on the Trip to Dubai on Leadership Excellence in Human Resource laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday, 2nd March, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, this trip was organized by the county assembly of Bomet in response to an official invitation from the ethics and integrity institute, the invite was tailored to the committee of labor and the conference that occurred in the maintenance office, Mr. Speaker, the conference provided

an opportunity for the members of the labor committee to enrich themselves on matters human resource including human capital governance, performance management, performance applied to technique talent identification and even responsive. Mr. Speaker, the team comprises of the following members; hon. Bernard Rotich, hon. Peter Rono, hon. Philip Korir, hon. Caroline Chelangat, Hon. Philip Chepkirui, hon. Evelyne Chebet, hon. Evelyne, Mrs. Mary who is a staff, Mr. Geoffrey Cheruiyot who is also a staff. Mr. Speaker, the team departed on 10th December 2022 and travel back on 21st December 2022. The training venue was refined and sorted as from 12th to 19th December 2022. Topics covered were human capital governance, developing performance which is orientated culture, performance impact techniques, natural language processing techniques and the activation in communication and finally tally identification and leadership guideline.

Hon. Speaker, the team is very grateful to the County Assembly management and the County Assembly Service Board for facilitating and making the visit to the international conference possible by providing the team members a platform to learn and acquire knowledge that has empowered them with matters human resource and other labour related issues. This trip has increased capacity of our team and will be able to now execute our mandate effectively in the county assembly in developing policies and regulations that adhere to power and are related to the office, this will in turn lead to improve service delivery to the residents of our great county. Mr. Speaker, I request hon. Peter to second.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to second the motion. Allow me to add a little flesh to it. I want to thank the County Assembly Service Board for facilitating the trip. As a poet and songwriter; I like literature Mr. Speaker and I am glad because a member of the Kenya Union of Poste Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) who is also a learner of the language is in the Assembly. There is this man in his works the son of Lawin he wrote something that in his journey of theology. We learnt at the Landmark hotel, it leadership excellency and integrity.

We were able to also to learn that the United Arab Emirates is a country like Kenya in governance, it is a federal government where counties exist but they called it Emirate because they are led by kings. In the native language called Emirs and they have seven of them and headquarters being Abu Dhabi and the second being Dubai. What we learnt is that their level of integrity is really desirable. For the ten days we sojourn there we never came across a police officer and Mr. Speaker they don't use natural light alone the sun is only up for eight hours in Dubai but you don't recognize

the time because the lighting is so perfect there is no power outage there unlike Kenya where we normally experience artificial outages caused by minor mechanical problems.

We liked Dubai, we were able to visit several government institutions in search of information on how they have achieved the level of governance where integrity and fidelity to the law are the order of the day. In the identification of site what we learn is that there is no hypocrisy we therefore urge everyone to preach and we must tell the kids in the ECDE while teaching in their Madrasa; because it's an Islamic country, they teach values to the young ones while we give milk to the children in the program of Prof. Barchok we should as well try to introduce the social ethics classes because they are the root of sanitizing the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) Once again, I want to request the ministry concern to consider introducing the social ethics that was once in our curriculum to teach Kenyan for values. Mr. Speaker, let me make two observations. While we were in Dubai, we learned that all government services have been automated and they are running a near cashless volume of transport, everything is paid using visa cards with very little use of cash. The national ethics are reviewed by the federal councils, Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight something about their economy. Dubai's GDP is US dollars 102.6 billion way above Kenya's. Remember there is no day that it rains in Dubai. There is zero contribution on GDP that comes from agriculture. Every food that is eaten there including meat is imported to that country.

Their biggest contributor to GDP is wholesale and retail trade and they are very strategic because they led their port to a free area for import which is why everybody wants to go to Dubai, choice of business to generate the issue and when you look at the breakdown wholesale and retail gives Dubai a contribution to their GDP up to 26%. When you look at transport and banking, their economies are completely from services. The oil contributes less than 1% and now I want to urge honorable members to consider visiting Dubai to get a ride on the desert, beaches, the serenity of town, and the landmark buildings including the tallest on earth which is a kilometer high.

Mr. Speaker, the dancing fountains of waters, and the Dubai Mall to name but a few. The miracle happens in lives and I urge you to try and visit Dubai. It is a four hours' flight from Nairobi, a very interesting place. Thank you Mr. Speaker we enjoyed and we will really want to go back again not once not twice even ten times if we would be facilitated. We can even go back tomorrow, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you hon. Kipchirchir.

Thank you very much, there was a report which I read out earlier; the Bomet County Public Service Board annual report which was tabled today 14th March 2023. I commit it to the Committee on Labour and Public Service and the committee should report in two weeks' time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honourable members this Assembly adjourns to tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:45 p.m