

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Welcome Members to this special sitting session.

**MOTION BY THE CHAIRMAN TRADE AND
INDUSTRIALIZATION ON VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR
THE POSITION OF COUNTY ENTERPRISE FUND BOARD
MEMBERS**

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Chairman Trade and Industrialization Committee!

2.0 VETTING PROCESS

The vetting process is guided by the following laws;

1. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010;
2. The County Government Act, No.17 of 2012;
3. The Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017;
4. The Kericho County Enterprise Fund Act, 2014; and

5. The Kericho County Assembly Standing Order NO.188.

3.0 NOTIFICATION OF THE VETTING EXERCISE

The nominees were notified through formal invitation by the County Assembly Clerk. The approval hearing was held at the County Assembly Chambers on 10th December, 2019.

4.0 CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

The nominees were required to submit clearance certificates from the following institutions;

1. The Ethics and Anti corruption commission;
2. The Kenya Revenue Authority;
3. The Higher Education Loans Board;
4. The Criminal Investigation Department; and
5. The Credit reference Bureau.

5.0 CRETERIA FOR VETTING

The criteria of vetting shall be guided by Section 7 (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 which provides that the criteria specified in the first and second schedule of that Act shall be used by the Committee during an approval hearing.

6.0 SUBMISSION OF PETITION

Section 7 (10) of the Public Trade and Industrialization (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that any person may prior to the approval hearing and by a written statement on Oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold office to which the candidate has been nominated.

The office of the clerk did not receive any petition from the members of the public

7.0 VETTING OF NOMINEES

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Trade and industrialization examined the nominees against the criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017.

The set criteria are as follows:

- a. Academic qualifications;
- b. Professional qualifications;
- c. Employment record;
- d. Experience as relating to the docket ;
- e. Knowledge of the relevant subject;
- f. Potential conflict of interest;
- g. Pro-bono/charity work;
- h. Overall suitability for the position;
- i. Integrity;
- j. Vision and leadership; and
- k. Expectations and key priorities.

7.1 Mrs. Rero Cherotich Susan

Mrs. Suzan Cherotich Rero, a nominee to the County Enterprise Fund Board appeared before the Committee of Trade and Industrialization on Trade and Industrialization on Monday 10th December, 2019 and was examined under oath and the approval hearing commenced as per the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing orders.

7.1.1 Date and place of birth

She is a Kenyan citizen born on 23rd November 1988 in Kericho County.

7.1.2 Academic Qualifications

She attended Ole Tipis Secondary School and completed in the year 2006 with a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.

She is a graduate of Egerton University having graduated with Bachelor of Commerce degree (Banking and Finance Option) and attained a second class honors upper division.

7.1.2 Professional qualifications

She is a Certified Computer Accounting Packages, microcomputer application packages, training on mid-term course for KTDA factory directors and management on corporate governance, three-day corporate governance training, Public Accountants Part II Examination

7.1.3 Employment record

She previously worked at Tegat/Toror Tea Factory company ltd as Independent gender director. Besides she is a board member for Cheptororiet Secondary School three years now and a poultry farmer. She is also a business lady interested in entrepreneurship.

7.1.4 Knowledge of the relevant subject

She has experience, academic qualifications and knowledge relevant to the position she has been nominated to.

7.1.5 Honours and Awards

The nominee did not report any honors and awards accorded to her.

7.1.6 Potential conflict of interest

She declared to the committee that there was no person or issue that brings about the potential conflict of interest in discharging of her mandate as a Board Member to the County Enterprise Fund.

7.1.7 Net Worth

The nominee informed the committee that he is worth Kshs 3 - 4 Million.

7.1.8 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 12th March, 2020.

The nominee provided the committee with a Certificate of Clearance CP12/12/60405/2008 from the Higher Education Loans Board dated 28th June, 2018.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate Ref.NO.PCC-AAAFPU17 dated 31st July, 2018.

The Nominee attached an Application for clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission dated 12th March 2019

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 11th March, 2019.

7.1.9 General and sector specific questions to the nominee

The nominee was interrogated on what she would bring to benefit the board and her response was that she will represent women and help train them on the ability to get funds and establish businesses.

When asked about what policies to put in place to ensure prudent disbursement and loan repayments are done as required. Her response was as follows:-

- a) Ensure all loan management systems are computerized and that due diligence is done before disbursement to the beneficiaries.
- b) Look into integrity of the personnel managing the fund.
- c) As a policy maker, ensure that the fund is revolving.

- d) Facilitate training of beneficiaries on the development of business proposal and management of business.
- e) Closely monitor the beneficiaries including establishing co – guarantee mechanism.

7.1.10 Committee observations on Suitability of Mrs Susan Cherotich Rero for appointment as a Member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

The Committee observed that the nominee represents women and that she performed well during the vetting process. The committee therefore recommended her for approval.

7.2Mr. Josphat Kipkirui Mutai

Mr. Josphat Kipkirui Mutai, County Enterprise Fund Board nominee in the Department of Trade and Industrialization, appeared before the Committee on Trade and Industrialization on Tuesday 10th December 2019 and was examined under oath and the approval hearing commenced as per the Public Trade and Industrialization (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing orders.

7.2.1 Date and place of birth

He is a Kenya citizen born on 10th January 1992 in Kericho County

7.2.2 Academic Qualifications

He attended Getarwet Secondary School and completed in the year 2009 with a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.

He holds a Diploma in Management (Business Management Option) from Kenya Institute of Management.

He is a graduate of Moi University, having graduated with Bachelor of Business Management degree (Accounting Option) and attained a second class honors upper division.

7.2.3 Professional qualifications

The nominee is a Certified Public Accountant (Part 2, Section 3).

7.2.4 Employment record

He previously worked at Ndege Chai Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited as an attaché between 1st September, 2014 and 30th October, 2014.

He later worked at the Kericho County Government as an intern between 2012 and 2013.

7.2.5 Knowledge of the relevant subject

The nominee has academic qualifications and knowledge relevant to the position he has been nominated.

7.2.6 Net worth

The nominee informed the Committee that he is worth Kshs. 100,000/=.

7.2.7 Honours and Awards

The nominee did not report any honours and awards accorded to him.

7.2.8 Potential conflict of interest

The nominee declared to the committee that there was no person or issue that brings about the potential conflict of interest in discharging of his mandate as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board

7.2.10 Integrity

The nominee submitted an acknowledgement for Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority applied on 6/12/2019.

The nominee did not provide the committee with a Certificate of Clearance from the Higher Education Loans Board.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a clean Police Clearance Certificate Ref. 5967/2099742/2580447 dated 03rd December, 2019.

The Nominee attached an Application for clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission dated 10th December, 2019.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 04th December, 2019.

7.2.11 General and sector specific questions to the nominee

The nominee was asked how his academic qualification would assist in the board and he responded that it would help in providing advice to the County on the need to prudently manage the enterprise fund.

He reiterated the need for board members to be transparent, free and fair when handling the Enterprise Fund.

The nominee informed the committee that he was a volunteer sensitizing members of the public on the need to plant trees to achieve the required forest cover.

7.2.12 Committee observations on Suitability of Mr Josphat Kipkirui Mutai for appointment as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

The committee observed that the nominee is a person with disability registered under certificate number NCPWD/P/56197 and that he is academically qualified for the position of a board member. The committee therefore recommended the nominee for approval to the position of Board Member Kericho County Enterprise Fund.

7.3 Mr. Henry Kipngeno Tonui

Mr. Henry Kipngeno Tonui, a nominee to the County Enterprise Fund Board, appeared before the Committee on Trade and Industrialization on 10th December 2019 and was examined under oath and the approval hearing commenced as per the Public Trade and Industrialization (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing orders.

7.3.1 Date and place of birth

He is a Kenya citizen born on 18th March 1971 Kericho County

7.3.2 Academic Qualifications

He attended Tenwek Secondary School and completed in the year 1990 with a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.

He holds a Diploma in Business Management and attained credit.

He is a graduate of University of Nairobi having graduated with Bachelor of Commerce degree (Marketing Option) and attained a second-class honors lower division.

7.3.3 Professional qualifications

There is no record.

7.3.4 Employment record

He previously worked at Chai Sacco Society Litein Branch between 1992 and 2010 as an Accounts Assistant.

7.3.5 Knowledge of the relevant subject

He has experience, academic qualifications, and knowledge relevant to the position he has been nominated for.

7.3.6 Net worth

The nominee informed the Committee that his net worth is Kshs 4 million.

7.3.7 Honors and Awards

The nominee did not report any honors and awards accorded to him.

7.3.8 Potential conflict of interest

He declared to the committee that there was no person or issue that brings about the potential conflict of interest in discharging of his mandate as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

7.3.9 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 5th December 2020.

The nominee provided the committee with a Certificate of Clearance No.213651 from the Higher Education Loans Board dated 6th December, 2019.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a clean Police Clearance Certificate Ref.PCC-AAAHCEM7 dated 13th December, 2018.

The Nominee attached an Application for clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission dated 6th December 2019

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 20th May, 2019.

7.3.10 General and sector specific questions to the nominee

The nominee when asked about the Challenges he encountered managing loan in a SACCO, He responded that the greatest challenge was a high rate of loan default. He further suggested that through training of clientele, offering advice to borrowers on the prudent use of loans comprises solutions to loan in default.

He further reiterated that there was need to prudently manage the enterprise fund so as to generate revenue to the county and foster economic growth.

Conducting proper appraisals before disbursing and constituting a sub - committee within the board to monitor the loans, as well considering disbursement to already existing businesses with aim of employing youth and generating income were some of his plans on the enterprise fund.

7.3.11 Committee observations on Suitability of Mr. Henry Kipngeno Tonui for appointment as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

The committee having considered the submission by the nominee, recommended him for approval.

7.4 Mr. Kipngeno Mutai

Mr.Kipngeno Mutai, a nominee to the County Enterprise Fund Board, appeared before the Committee on Trade and Industrialization on 10th December 2019 and was examined under oath and the approval hearing commenced as per the Public Trade and Industrialization (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing orders.

7.4.1 Date and place of birth

He is a Kenya citizen born on 31st March 1988 Kericho County

7.4.2 Academic Qualifications

He attended Nyabondo Secondary School and completed in the year 2007 with a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.

He holds Diploma in Project Management from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

He is a graduate of Moi University having graduated with Bachelor of Business Management degree (Finance and Banking Option) and attained a second-class honors lower division.

7.4.3 Professional qualifications

There is no record.

7.4.4 Employment record

He is currently working at Squid Kenya Limited covering Makueni, Kajiado & Uasin Gishu Counties since 2018 as a Project Supervisor-Micro Finance, iMlango Project.

He previously worked at Juhudi Kilimo Co Ltd since 2014 – 2017 at Kapsowar and Kitale as a Branch Manager. He also worked at Juhudi Kilimo Co Ltd, Eldoret Branch from August 2013 to April 2014 as a Business Development Officer.

He previously worked at Ecobank Kenya Ltd Eldoret Branch, Regions Group College International and Equity Bank as a direct sales agent, a bursar and graduate trainee respectively.

7.4.5 Knowledge of the relevant subject

He has experience, academic qualifications, and knowledge relevant to the position he has been nominated for.

7.4.6 Net worth

The nominee informed the committee that his Net worth ranges from Kshs 500,000 to Kshs 1.2 million.

7.4.7 Honours and Awards

The nominee did not report any honors and awards accorded to him.

7.4.8 Potential conflict of interest

He declared to the committee that there was no person or issue that brings about the potential conflict of interest in discharging of his mandate as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

7.4.9 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 21/08/2020.

The nominee provided the committee with a Certificate of Clearance No.213316 from the Higher Education Loans Board dated 4th December 2019.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a clean Police Clearance Certificate Ref.PCC-AAALISS9 dated 26th August, 2019.

The Nominee did not attach an Application form for clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 24th July, 2019.

7.4.10 General and sector specific questions to the nominee

The nominee was asked whether there was need to revive the enterprise fund necessary and he responded in the affirmative that if approved he will rectify the previous mistakes on the Fund.

When asked about the policies to put in place to ensure that the loans disbursed are repaid, his response was as follows:-

- i. Come up with a strategy to do collection;

- ii. Put emphasize on training on the financial literacy for the people accessing the fund;
- iii. Put a strategy on how the loan can be recovered from the beneficiaries;
- iv. Conduct training and do follow ups on the loan management;
- v. Analyze the portfolio and the individual borrowers and convince them to pay back.

7.5 Committee observations on Suitability of Mr. Kipngeno Mutai for appointment as a member to the County Enterprise Fund Board.

The Committee observed that the nominee has a wide range of knowledge in microfinance and thus suitable to work as Board Member to the Enterprise Fund. The committee recommends the nominee for approval.

So this time round we are very late so am requesting my fellow honorable members that after vetting all this people we find finally that these people are fit because after they were given the loans in last regime about 85 % was not recovered but according to the vetting process you also realize that we need training and these people will come and assist us so that we can give our youths and women the funds to uplift the standard of living and to start their businesses so it will give us a plus in various wards and it will assist the community so I beg and I request me fellow members so that pass this motion very fast with no rejection, thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Who will second?

Hon. Alfred Cheruiyot: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and I request Hon. Ann Cherono to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Ann Cherono!

(Hon. Ann Cherono bows in secondment)

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Erick Bett!

Hon. Erick Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute on the motion of the report today. I rise to support the report on the motion for all the four nominees for County Enterprise Fund. Why I support the report is because of the following reasons:

1. When I look at the qualification of the four nominees have seen that most of them have been in the board members of different board and they have been working with different organizations that do give loan to members Which I think it is very important
2. When I look at their age I can see that out of the four , three out of four are still youths its only one who is above 35 years old so as a youth , I feel that this board will be more vibrant because these are young people who will be able to follow up on loans which has not been processed for a long time
3. Why I support this report is to represent people with disability, we have been really fighting for inclusion especially for the people with disability and one nominee here who is a graduate has been forwarded for approval and I think it will go along way as Kericho County as a whole and I think that is a very important step and I support the report.
4. Lastly, I only want the mover of the motion to confirm to this honourable because that they have not indicated in the report that not all of them come from the same sub county I only request maybe when he will be replying he needs to be clear that this nominee comes from which sub county so that we solve the reason of regional balancing, i do support the motion Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Hon. Emily Kerich!

Hon. Emily Kerich: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity this morning to support the report on the approval of members for the board. I rise to support and echo what my able chair implementation has said that this board is a vibrant board. Members are still young, they can go on recovery well for the previous allocations or money which were given to members who never return back and again I think they will give out the money and they will

follow up the members so that the business community, the youths of this county and the women at large will benefit from the fund. Otherwise I support and I want to echo the committee on trade and industrialization for giving us the right report. So I just rise to support. Also I want to say thank you for considering gender, I have seen one lady by name Susan, so I rose to say I am supporting the report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Edith Kaptich?

Hon. Edith Kaptich: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I can also give out my view. Before I continue, I would like to wish Honorable members merry Christmas and a happy new year 2020. Before I support, I would like to know from the committee, it was my wish and view that we have six members in the board.

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Point of order!

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Yes the Honorable Paul Chirchir?

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Mr. Speaker Sir, is it in order for an Honorable member to wear a mini skirt? We are uncomfortable especially sitting in the front row of the Honorable House.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): The Honorable Paul Chirchir, it is a festive season, enjoy. Please proceed the Honorable Edith Kaptich.

Hon. Edith Kaptich: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I may look at myself, but when I look at myself, the skirt is below the knee, so it is not a mini skirt. I would like to encourage the Honorable member to appreciate nature. My issue was that my wish was to have six board members representing our constituencies. I would like to get some clarification from the member because now that we don't know which constituencies these people come from, am wondering how the representation will be done in different constituencies. Otherwise as the committee has gone ahead and did the good work, I want to say that they have tried their best and we want this board in place because we want to make sure that our young business women, men and youths from different constituencies and wards are empowered. So Mr.

Speaker I will support this motion but I would like the mover of the motion to tell us how our representation will be felt from the six constituencies so that we can understand as we move forward. Mr. Speaker, I would also want to know if this House will be included in this because the legislative arm of government is very important in dealing with this and I believe the last regime it was the Assembly that had to create the same. So Mr. Speaker, I want to support this but the mover of the motion you may tell us later on how the constituencies will be represented. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. And as the Hon. Grace Koech comes to speak, the Clerk has informed me to apologize on his behalf with respect to the Order Paper that was earlier on circulated. I think the correct Order Paper has now been circulated. Thank you. The Honorable Grace Koech?

Hon. Grace Betty Koech: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute also on this motion. Before I do that Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Hon. Sammy Rono on his graduation tomorrow and also Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. At the same time I want to wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Mr. Speaker sir, I want to support the nominees of the four members to the board. My happiness is that each of the four members has the experience and the experience that they are bringing in Mr. Speaker will assist in the disbursement or the distribution of the enterprise fund and the training. I have looked at it and I have seen that each one of them is talking of the empowering the beneficiaries before the disbursement of the fund. And also when they are coming in, they will put in place the monitoring mechanisms to monitor how the beneficiaries will be using the funds. So Mr. Speaker sir, I know if they will be given maximum support and free hand to work, they will be of much benefit to our county, so I support this motion. I want to thank the team that was doing the vetting. Finally as I conclude, I hope those members who did not submit the tax compliance and the clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission should not be followed to do the same. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Dennis Kirui!

Hon. Dennis Kirui: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for this chance you have given me so that I can contribute on this motion. First, just to tell the Hon. Paul Chirchir that the grace is sufficient because I sit with him and the Hon. Edith Kaptich is dressed smartly Mr. Speaker but she dressed to kill. I was also tempted but then the grace was sufficient. Well, just to embark on the motion is that these nominees that have been nominated to the board are up to the task. First I want to congratulate the committee for passing in the nomination of one person with disability because every now and then we have been yearning to get one person with disability and this time we have gotten at least one representative in the county. It is only that I had one concern when it comes to the nomination of one Mr. Kipngeno Mutai, though I support. When it comes to employment record, just allow me read so that I can say what the concern is. It is in page 15, Mr. Kipngeno Mutai when it comes to employment record, it says he is currently working at Street Kenya Limited at Makueni, Kajiado and Uasin Gishu County since 2018 Mr. Speaker as a project supervisor, micro finance iMlango project. Number 2, he previously worked at Juhudi Kilimo Company since 2014 to 2017 at Kapsowar, Kitale as a branch manager. Mind the title, as a branch manager. The letter here is a project supervisor yet he walked at Juhudi Kilimo Company limited at Eldoret branch from august 2013 to April 2014 as a business development officer. Mind the title again; he previously worked at Eco-Bank Kenya Limited Eldoret branch, Regions Group College International, at Equity Bank as a direct sales agent, a bursar and as a graduate trainee respectively. When it came to his net worth that is where the concern is. The nominee informed the committee that net worth ranges from ksh.500, 000 to ksh.1.2 million. For such a person that has worked in all these places Mr. Speaker with all these titles, then when it came to his net worth, it is 500000 to 1.2 million. Unless this guy, Mr. Kipngeno Mutai was volunteering in some other work that he was working, because when he was talking about entrepreneurship or enterprise leader, he should lead by example. This means, he is either extravagant or he was volunteering. Otherwise I support the motion Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Gilbert Ngetich!

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, thank you for also scheduling this special sitting for us to meet after a long time. Let me also congratulate Honorable members, two of us graduating tomorrow and for those who were away, who went to Dubai they come back well. Welcome back. Now to the report is that I want to support and I want to urge the committee to make sure that it really operates because time is elapsing. As we talk this money should have been dispersed to people to do business. We are very late in planning to actually make these people stable. When we will be done doing this, our time is also elapsing but better late than never. We really support and of the idea that we really make this people be in the office for us to go for the money that was not brought back after giving out to people to do businesses. We had actually agreed this time that we are going to give to people in groups and am very sure with these people who are vibrant I must say the committee did a very good job. I also want to congratulate the committee for making a body today which is constitutional, I can see a person with disability, a lady, a youth this is a first in Kericho County constitutional body where we have every person in. Starting with because even the one we are sitting on we don't have a person with disability in our Assembly, but anyway we are forging ahead and I know in future we are going to consider this. I take this opportunity that let us pass this report for this people to be in the office. Recently Mr. Speaker I had a group of 700 women who came up in my ward and they have Ksh. 2 million in their account and am seeing these people are ready. I can see a lady called Rero who can actually visit them and train them and let that group operate in my ward and other wards. So as we progress we actually want to see our people perform by making them to have funds through this micro-finance operating. Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Hon. Paul Chirchir!

Hon Paul Chirchir: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support today's motion the report by the committee on trade on approval of Kericho County Enterprise Fund board members, we have always be talking about empowering our youths and women and creating and enabling environment for our youth and women to do business. We have never been able to do that

because the board has not been functional since none has been occupying that office. I want to mention one lady by the name Rero Cherotich Susan who was a board member representing gender at Tegat-Toror Tea Factory. She was not allowed to continue because she is an independent minded lady who is resourceful. She will help the board because I have seen her network even at international level. I have seen her take the County Government with some donors from abroad where she has been holding meetings in Nairobi with top leadership of this country. So I fully support this nominees and I pray that they be in the office quickly so that the enterprise fund can disperse fund for use by the electorates. So I fully support this motion, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you; can we have the mover of the motion?

Hon. Alfred Cheruiyot: Thank you once again Mr. Speaker. Before coming to respond on the motion, one of the Honorable member is requesting where some of the nominees are coming from .We have somebody like; Cherotich Susan coming from Sub County of Belgut, Mutai Josphat from Bureti Sub County, Henry Kipngeno from Kipkelion East and Kipngeno Mutai from Kipkelion West Sub County. Mr. Speaker, let me just say there are only four people here maybe we have the CEC also and the other committee members who will make up to about seven people there. About what Hon. Denis Kirui, Hon. Member from Kedowa was asking about net worth. When we actually interrogated him, we realized that the man was actually the breadwinner of the family, and that is why his net worth was down. We came to realize that the man has the heart to assist everyone including his community and everyone and that is why we saw it fit to give him this chance. So let me say that my fellow Honorable members thank you very much for supporting this report. I want to say that we come from different wards where there are so many people who are needy, there many youths and business ladies who wants to start their business and the moment we pass this report it is going to assist us very much .Thank you so much Honorable members.

Hon. Alfred Cheruiyot: Honorable members may you enjoy the Christmas and have a happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Honorable members.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Next order? The Honorable Alex Bett!

**THE KERICHO COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2019 SECOND
READING**

Hon. Alex Bett: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity and maybe before I embark on the motion, let me also take this opportunity to congratulate our very own members who are due for graduation. Indeed that is a big step in life and also let me take this opportunity to congratulate our students who passed very well in this year's KCSE examinations most of our schools did very well and we have every reason also to rejoice with them.

Memorandum of Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to impose or various fees and other charges for various services provided by County. Part one of the Bill, Provides for preliminary provisions.

Part two of the Bill provides for the charges, licenses, plot or house rent or market fees to be paid to the county for services it also provides amendment to the Act part three of this Bill provides for appointment and duties of an agent in respect to collection of revenue for the county it also provides for mode of payment of revenue to the County.

Part four of the Bill provides for general penalty for offenses committed under the Bill it provides for offenses carried out by staff of the county and the penalty of the offenses

Part of this Bill provides of miscellaneous saving fixation of rate of fees charges or license or rent applicable before commencement of this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Next order!

THE KERICHO FINANCE BILL 2019 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(The Speaker leaves the Chair)

(The Chairman takes the Chair)

The Chairperson (Hon. Esther Tonui): Welcome Honorable Members to the Committee of the Whole House.

THAT Part II of the Bill on the Transportation Permit on Tea and Coffee be amended by deleting the figures 5,000, 7,000 and 10,000 and replace with the figures 4,000, 5400 and 8,000 on Pick up, Canter and Lorry/Trailer respectively and further be amended by deleting the figures 3,000, 5,000 and 7,000 and replace with the figures 2,000, 4,000 and 6,000 on Pick up, Canter and Lorry/Trailer respectively on transportation of coffee.

That Part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category landing fees be amended by deleting the word ‘**per cow**’ in the second column and be replaced by the word ‘**per head**’
(Annexure I)

That Part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category sheep and goat be amended by adding the word ‘**per head**’ in the second column *(Annexure I)*

That Part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category **Hides stamp and skin stamp** be amended by deleting the words ‘**one**’ and replacing with the words ‘**consignment**’ respectively in the second column *(Annexure I)*

That Part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category commercial coffee millers license less than 3000 Metric Tons be amended by deleting the figures 50,000 in column three and six and replacing it with the figures 10,000 respectively *(Annexure I)*

That Part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries be amended by introducing a Late application fee of 10% of the license fee payable (*Annexure 1*)

Now the chairman you are welcomed.

Hon Alex Bett: Thank you Chair for this opportunity I will start with part two that part two of this Bill on transportation permit of tea and coffee be amended by deleting the figures 5,000, 7,000 and 10,000 and replace with the figures 4,000, 5,400 and 8,000 this were some of the recommendation that were proposed during public participation on the pickups transporting tea and coffee that you can find them on page 12 of this Bill if you open page 12, it talks about the charges that are usually imposed on the pickups, canter and lorries so the members of the public proposed that the figures were a bit high so they proposed that the figures should come down to slightly from 5,000 to 4,000 ,7,000 to 5,400 and from 10,000 to 8,000 when it comes also to transportation of coffee, initially the pickups were 3,000, 5,400 and 7,000 for pickup, canter and lorries respectively. But remember that coffee is a one season industry so it was of the view of the members of the public that the figures were high on higher side and recommended that it should be brought down to 2,000, 4,000 and 6,000 respectively that is for pickup 2,000, canter 4,000 and lorry 6,000.

That part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries under category rampage fee be amended by deleting the words per cover in the second column and replaced by the word per head annexure1.

That part II under the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries category sheep and goats be amended by adding the word per head in the second column annexure 1.

That part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category sheep and goats be amended by adding the word per head in the second column annexure 1.

That part II under Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries in the category hides and skin be amended by deleting the word one and replacing with the word consignment respectively in the second column annexure1.

That part II under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category commercial coffee milers license less than 3000 metric tons be amended by deleting figures 50000 n column 3 and 6 and replacing it with figures 10000 respectively annexure1. That part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries be amended by introducing a late application fee of 10% of the license fee payable annexure1.

The Chairperson (Hon. Esther Tonui): Chairman?

Hon. Alex Bett: Thank you Chair for this opportunity, I will start with part two. That part II of this Bill on transportation on tea and coffee be amended by deleting the figures 5000, 7000 and 10000 and replacing it with figures 4000, 5400, 8000 and these are some of the recommendations that were proposed during public participation on the pick-ups for transporting tea and coffee. That you can find them on page 12 of this Bill on the financial Bill. That is on page 12; it talks about the charges that are usually imposed on pick-ups, canters and Lorries. So the members of the public opposed that the figures were a bit high so they proposed that the figures should come down slightly from 5000 to 4000, from 7000 to 5400 and from 10000 to 8000. When it comes also to transportation of the coffee, initially the figures were 3000, 5400 and 7000, for pick-up, canters and Lorries respectively. But remember that coffee is a one season industry and so it was on the view of the members of the public that these figures were higher and they recommended that it's been brought down to 2000, 4000 and 6000 respectively that for pick-up 2000, canter 4000 and lorries 6000.

For part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category landing fee be amended by deleting the word per cow in the second column and be replaced by the word per head that is in page 10. When you go to page ten of the Bill. I think that is more of an English amendment

because when you talk about cows ,it is not actually specific but when you talk about per head, that points to numbers so that was the correction of the English part of the Bill.

Next is part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category sheep, goat be amended by adding the word per head in the second column. It is also like the previous one. When we talk about sheep and goats. I think that can point into a group of sheep or a group of goats but to be specific, we added the word per head so that it can be counted.

Next, that is part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category hides,...and skin be amended by deleting the word one and replacing with the word consignment. I think it was of the view that when we talk about hides and skin, it was not easy to quantify. So the people during public participation felt that these be grouped to consignment as it arrive. It's counted as one consignment. So we amended the word hides and skin by deleting the word one and be replaced by consignment. That can be shown by the annexure that is attached report.

That part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the category, commercial coffee millers' license less than 3000 metric tons be amended by deleting the figures 50000 in column 3 and 6 and replacing it with figures 10000 respectively. That was supposed to be 50000 but it is replaced by 10000 and it is in the annexure.

Finally that part two under Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries be amended by introducing a late fee of 10 % of licenses of the fee payable. Initially there was no indication of how it will be charged in case somebody comes paying the licenses fee even after the due date. So there was no indication and so initially people were still paying the original figures. So to make it more effective, a late fee was introduced of 10 % and so that was the introduction. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Esther Tonui): Chairman?

Part 3.On Water, Environment and Natural Resources under the cutting ,approval fee within private property be categorized into large ,medium and small size and the charges be 1000,1000

and 500 respectively . It was on higher side and it was discouraging people on paying the same fee so the members of the public unanimously vote that the figure should be brought down from 2000 to 1000 and from 1000 to 500 thank you chairman.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

The Chairperson (Esther Tonui): I now call the mover to come.

Hon Alex Bett: Thank you Chair. I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of the Kericho County Finance Bill, 2019 with amendments. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Chairman leaves the Chair)

(The Speaker resumes)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Chairperson?

The Chairperson. (Hon. Esther Tonui): Hon. Speaker I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Assembly Bill of 2019 and its approval thereof with amendments thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, mover.

Hon. Alex Bett: Thank you Hon. Speaker I beg to move that the House do agree with the committee on the said report and I asked my able Honorable Deputy Chair Hon. Emily Kerich to second.

(Hon Emily Kerich bows in secondment)

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

THE KERICHO COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2019, THIRD READING

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Alex Bett?

Hon. Alex Bett: I propose that the Kericho County Finance Bill 2019, be read the third time.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

The Kericho County Finance Bill 2019, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Kericho to provide for the imposition or variation of various permits, fees, cess, licenses or charges for services and for connected purposes.

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Honorable members, we now adjourned till next year.

(The House rose at 11.45 am)

