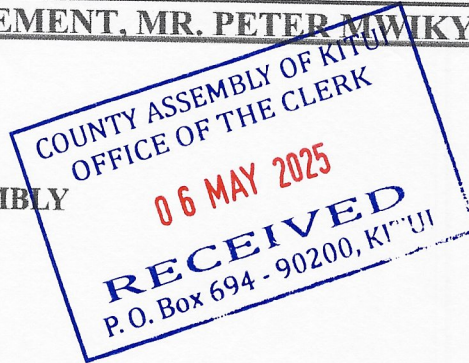


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**PUBLIC PETITION TO THE KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER  
(CECM) FOR FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND REVENUE  
MANAGEMENT, MR. PETER MWIKYA KILONZO**

TO:

THE CLERK,  
KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY  
PO BOX 694 - 90200  
KITUI, KENYA



*Ag. S. L. C*  
*Your legal opinion*  
*on this petition*  
*et*  
*7/5/25*

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF KITUI COUNTY, in exercise of our sovereign right under Article 1 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and in furtherance of the principles of public participation as outlined in Articles 10, 118, and 196 of the Constitution, and pursuant to Section 15 of the County Governments Act, 2012, do hereby submit this petition to the County Assembly of Kitui through the office of the Clerk for urgent consideration and action.

*At*  
*6/5/25*  
*8/5/25*

**WE STATE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT**, Mr. Peter Mwikya Kilonzo, the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management, has grossly violated the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 by unlawfully reallocating **Kshs. 133 million** from the County Assembly's budget, including funds for the construction of a modern Assembly block and ward offices, thus undermining the financial independence of the legislative arm.
2. **THAT**, the said reallocation contravened **Section 130 of the Public Finance Management Act**, as amended by **Section 11(4) & (5) of the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA), 2021**, and was done without proper consultation, oversight, or public participation.



3. **THAT**, Mr. Kilonzo introduced **new projects** in the Supplementary Budget I for FY 2024/2025 that were not part of the approved annual plan, in direct contravention of **Section 135 of the PFM Act, 2012**, and **Regulations 39(3) and 39(8)** of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015.
4. **THAT**, projects such as purchase of IT equipment for the Office of the Deputy Governor and a Youth Engagement Forum were included in the supplementary budget without urgency or justification, and were already being implemented before legal approval, thereby confirming blatant **financial mismanagement**.
5. **THAT**, Kshs. 76 million meant for **drilling boreholes in all 40 wards** was diverted to pay **electricity bills** for KITWASCO and KIMWASCO without a supplementary appropriation or Assembly approval, violating **Section 135(1)(2)(4)** of the PFM Act and infringing on citizens' access to water.
6. **THAT**, the Controller of Budget confirmed in her report for the First Half of FY 2024/2025 that Kitui County had **pending bills totaling Kshs. 835.87 million**, largely as a result of poor financial planning, mismanagement, and low development budget absorption (only 5%).
7. **THAT**, the use of **manual payroll systems** in processing over **Kshs. 89 million** in salaries exposes county finances to theft and abuse, violating best practices and recommendations from the Controller of Budget who urged full use of **IPPD systems**.
8. **THAT**, the County operates **11 commercial bank accounts** against the law, instead of using the **Central Bank of Kenya** as required by the **PFM Act**, risking diversion and misuse of funds.