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(THE HANSARD)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2025*The County Assembly met at 9:12 a.m. in the County Assembly Chambers**[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka) in the Chair]*

## PRAYERS

**The Deputy Speaker:** Good morning, Honorable Members, and welcome to our today's sitting. Clerk, next order!

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

## VISITING STUDENTS FROM MAJOR MULUVI KANGWENI SECONDARY SCHOOL

Honorable Members, I would like to acknowledge the presence of visiting students from Major Muluvi Kangweni Secondary School in Nzambani Ward in our public gallery today. They are accompanied by their teacher, Madam Teresia Mwalimu, and Victor Makau. In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to this assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them and on behalf of the County Assembly of Kitui and on my own behalf, I wish them a fruitful visit.

Honorable Members, I will give any member a few minutes to also welcome the students and offer a word of encouragement. I can see the honorable member representing Nzambani where the school is situated, Honorable Joseph Musyoka Mbite, the youngest in the assembly.

**Hon. Joseph Mbite:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me this opportunity. Yes, indeed, Major Muluvi Secondary School is in my ward, at Maluma location.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to pride myself with the great people of Nzambani Ward, who elected me to this August House, some being their mothers, others being their fathers, others being their brothers and sisters.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good I welcome them to this Chamber where we debate, we legislate, and make laws regarding our great County – Kitui. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I challenge the students that

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today, let it just not be a norm that they have a curriculum outside the normal school curriculum. Let them have a take-home – something that they will learn from this House. Let them feel free also to interact with the Honorable Members after the rise of the House, take a tour of the Chamber, and take some of the challenges positively so that also they are going to be impacted differently.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, also it is good that I inform the students from Major Muluvi School that out of the 60 members of County Assembly of Kitui, I Joseph Musyoka Mbite, a.k.a. *Mameni* from Nzambani ward, I am the youngest in this County Assembly. Therefore, it is something that I celebrate, it is something that I'm always proud of because the people of Nzambani elected me to be their representative.

Again, I would like to challenge them that also as they experience and as they interact with the Chambers, Mr. Speaker, let them set the bar high in terms of academic performance. Some of us here never went to high-end secondary schools and high schools. Like myself, I attended Yumbisye Secondary School. But I went out of my way to do the extra work so that I could get my grade to university, which I achieved very well.

Therefore, I challenge the students from Major Muluvi Secondary School that, let them not be lied to by anybody that it is not doable, it is not possible, but rather today, let them walk with their heads and shoulders high regardless of their secondary school. It is possible to make it to University and even achieve greater heights in life.

Therefore, dear students from my ward, I am proud of you. I also extend an invitation after the rise of the House, we take a photo, have a chat and also share a cup of tea. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I love these my students. I know also with your permission, some of them will be voters in 2027 and therefore, I beseech them, when that time comes, let them vote for Honourable Joseph Musyoka-Mbite. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Joseph Musyoka Mbite, Member for Nzambani ward. Indeed, you are the youngest, and yes, it is doable. They can achieve it from anywhere because it's just about commitment to their studies.

Honourable... Is it Rose Kasyoka? Yes, it is. Honourable Rose Kasyoka.

**Hon. Rose Kathoka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to join you and Honourable Mbite to welcome the students of Major Muluvi Secondary School.

As a mother of boys, I'm very proud to see young men growing. I want to tell you, young men, we know somehow is like the boy child has been neglected. But I tell you, your mothers are with you. Most of the times when you see in the TVs, you only see the girl child, the girl child and the boy child somehow feels like he's not part of the community. Today, I want to confirm to you that you belong to the community. (We have the trust in you because you are our leaders of tomorrow.

Secondly, I want to tell you that today, I think it's a learning moment for you. For those who are Catholics, there is a saint called Saint Ignatius of Loyola and he said, "Every day is a learning moment." So, I'll urge you today as you are within the County Assembly of Kitui, please have a learning moment to take home.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this time. Welcome, my young boys. I'm a mother of one boy and I'm very proud of boys. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Rose Kasyoka, for the encouragement. Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Retired Alphonse Mukwayu, Member for Kyome/Thaana Ward, kindly.

**Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to join you in welcoming the students of Major Muluvi Secondary School, as I also join their member of the County Assembly Honorable Mbite.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, let me say I know Major Muluvi, the person himself, very well. I worked with him. We were in the same brigade – the second brigade before he left the Army to come and join politics and actually, he was elected a member of the National Assembly in Wiper party and was also in charge of elections in the party.

Mr. Speaker, let me congratulate the students also for finding time to come here and tell them it's good to concentrate seriously on studies. Personally, I have also been to secondary school. As Honorable Mbite said, it doesn't matter which school you go to. You are the one who determines what you want to get in that school. There are people who study outside class and they pass very well. And therefore, I'm urging them to concentrate so much in their studies.

Mr. Speaker, let me urge the boys that when they grow up, as they hear of Major Muluvi, I urge them also to join the Army. Let them join the Army, defend the country and then when they get to the Army; in the Army, we join the Army and say, “join the Army and be all that you would like to be.” When I joined the Army, I became what I wanted to be. And I'm still becoming what I want to be. And that's why, Mr. Speaker, when I joined the Army, I did all the fighting in the ground. We call it infantry, with Major Muluvi. Thereafter, I decided to be a pilot. I went to become a pilot and later, I decided to be a politician. And very soon, I may decide to be a DC and I will be a DC thank you, Mr. Speaker. I welcome the students.

Meanwhile, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also would like to thank Honorable Musyoka Mbite because both of us were the oldest men here and now he has decided to be the youngest, so I'm left alone. I will earn all the respect alone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Alphonse Mukwayu. Between...your retirement, Lieutenant Colonel, you were a little bit senior to Major Muluvi, right?

**Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu:** Yeah, Mr. Speaker, a Major in the Army commands something called a company. (A company is a group of 1,200 men with all their vehicles and all their weapons. But a Colonel commands a battalion. A battalion consists of four companies. That means four Majors are under a Colonel. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** That is to say you were commanding four Majors? Congratulations. We are happy to have such men with us here.

**Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu:** Mr. Speaker, when the time I retired, I was actually commanding that time. I was actually commanding a place called a sector commander. A sector, actually, I was in the United Nations and now a sector consisted of four Governors. That is in Southern Sudan. So I was commanding four Governors by the time I retired. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Let us leave it at that now because it will get complicated when (13:02) somebody will question a military man commanding Governors. It will

complicate the matter further. Honorable Members, let us proceed to the next order if there is nobody else. Clerk, next order!

#### PAPERS

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

*(Designated Member)*

Let us have the Designated Member lay the paper. That is, one Honorable Kimanzi Muange. Kindly proceed.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** Mr. Speaker, before I lay the paper, allow me to also join you in welcoming the students of Major Muluvi Secondary School to the Assembly. Honorable Musyoka Mbite is my contemporary. He's the youngest and I'm the second youngest! So we flock together. We are birds of feathers.

The other thing is, I want to tell the students that your member of the County Assembly is setting a very good example. He's young and he's pursuing careers almost flying to the sky. So you have an example to emulate as students of that great school.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper, that pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Order number 20(4), I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday, 15th July, 2025. The Governor's address on the State of the County.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Kimanzi Muange, Member for Tseikuru, for laying the paper. Clerk, next order!

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

*(The Leader of the Majority Party)*

Let the designated Member proceed and give the notice, one Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I'm the designated member to give notice of this motion. That pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kitui, Standing Order number 20 (5), the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the governor. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Kimanzi Muange, for giving the notice. Honorable Mary Ndumbu, I can see you are asking for airtime. What is it?

*(Hon. Mary Ndumbu spoke off record)*

Yeah, I hear you (referring to Hon. Mary Ndumbu). Honorable Musyoka Mbite.

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**Hon. Joseph Mbite:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I was requesting that now that Honorable Kimanzi Muange has given notice of the motion, kindly may the Governor's speech be availed to Honorable Members in good time, because the debate starts tomorrow, such that maybe today we spend the rest of the day and the entire night perusing it for the purposes of a good debate tomorrow. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Musyoka Mbite, but the Governor's speech has been available to us since last week. It is in your Pigeon Holes, and I think I communicated to our wall. Honorable Members there is a very weighty, I don't know whether I will call it necessary, but it's a weighty issue that has been raised by one Honorable Mary Ndumbu. This being a House of order, procedure and rules, I will direct the clerk to confirm whether there is quorum.

*(The Clerk at the Table Confirmed that there was no quorum)*

I direct the bell to be rung for eight minutes.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung for eight minutes)*

Clerk, confirm whether there is quorum.

*(The Clerk at the Table Confirmed that there was no Quorum)*

Thank you, Clerk. Honorable Members, you are notified to pick the Governor's address in you Pigeon Holes. The debate of the Governor's Speech will commence tomorrow.

Honorable Members, allow me to pronounce something that was said by a ranking Member last week. I think one Honorable Nzungi Ngwele had enlightened us that the custom and tradition of quorum was initiated when members did not intend to debate on a particular motion or cast a vote on it, and therefore they would ask for quorum so that they kill the House before the debate and cast a vote. I was just thinking noisily in my mind that today we were tabling and giving notice to the Governor's speech, and then I was concerned. Did we intend to kill it and there was no vote being taken?

Nevertheless, it is the Member's right to raise it at any point, but let us also be informed by why we do some things, the objectives, the things we want to achieve, and what is on the table. Thank you, Honorable Members. Let us be upstanding so that we adjourn.

### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned for lack of quorum until later today in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

**The House rose at 9:42 a.m.**