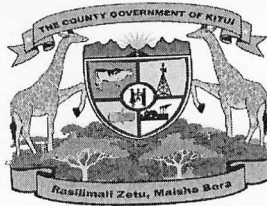


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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The House convened at Thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with prayer.
3. **PRESIDING** - Honourable Speaker on the Chair.
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.**

COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO RESUMPTION FROM AUGUST 2025 RECESS.

Honourable Members,

I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you back to this August House as we resume our legislative business following the conclusion of the August 2025 recess. It is my hope that the short recess accorded you the chance to rest, reconnect with your electorates and reflect on our collective responsibilities of representation, legislation and oversight.

As we reconvene, I urge all of us to remain steadfast in upholding our constitutional mandate and to focus on service delivery and good governance for the people of Kitui County.

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During the recess period, which began on 6th August 2025, we were engaged in a series of activities that are worth noting. Allow me to acknowledge some of these notable activities carried out during the recess period.

a) Devolution Conference:

Honourable Members,

As you are all aware, the County Assembly of Kitui joined other delegates in attending the 9th devolution conference held in Homabay County from 12th to 15th August, 2025, under the theme "***For the People, For Prosperity: Devolution as a Catalyst for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice.***" The national event saw the head of state, H.E. the President, Dr. William Ruto, E.G.H, assent to the County Public Finance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023, sponsored by Meru Senator Hon. Kathuri Murungi, which establishes a County Assembly Fund to strengthen County legislatures and support effective devolution. This milestone grants Assemblies financial autonomy, thereby strengthening our ability to fully discharge our legislative mandate and entrench devolution.

b) Oversight/inspection exercise:

Honourable Members,

Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, mandates us to represent, legislate, and provide oversight to ensure the prudent use of public resources. In this regard, the County Assembly Committee on Public Investments and Accounts conducted a week-long inspection exercise from 4th to 8th August, 2025, in a quest to get answers to audit queries raised by the Office of the Auditor General on various projects across the County. Among the queries noted by the Office of the Auditor General are

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adherence to statutory policies, employee welfare, revenue generation and general management of public funds. This was a critical step in ensuring accountability and prudent resource utilization in our County.

c) Whole House strategic retreat:

Honourable Members,

It is important to note that, for us to deliver promptly on our tripartite role of legislation, representation and oversight, it is essential to map out strategies on how we intend to work on our deliverables as a House. In light of this, the whole House retreated to Nairobi from 25th to 29th August, 2025, to;

- i. Prepare committee work plans for the period July 2025 - June 2026.
- ii. Compile committee progress reports to date, reflecting on achievements and challenges.
- iii. Finalize the Assembly's report on inspection of County projects conducted in July, 2025.
- iv. During the same retreat, the Assembly participated in a capacity-building training facilitated by the Kenya School of Government (KSG) and Kenya Law Reporting (KLR), including sessions on stress management, financial management, mobile phone etiquette, and reflections on the origin of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the journey of devolution, during the first ever **Katiba Day** – 27th August, as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, E.G.H., on 25th August 2025, as a day for commemorating the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

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- v. Drafting of briefing notes for Committee Chairpersons in preparation for the joint retreat between the County Assembly and the County Executive which took place from 1st to 6th September, 2025.

d) County Executive and County Assembly Retreat:

Honourable Members,

During the last week of our recess, the County Assembly joined the County Executive, led by H.E. the Governor Dr. Julius Malombe, in a consultative retreat in Mombasa from 1st to 6th September, 2025. The retreat themed; ***"Translating the Kitui Promise into Concrete, Visible and Measurable Results: Communicating Key Milestones and Achievements as we Approach 2027"***, gave room for the two arms of the county government to reflect on milestones achieved so far as well as map out proper strategies on how to improve service delivery to the people of Kitui County, through collaborative working relationship between the Executive and the Assembly.

Honourable Members,

As we embark on the remaining part of the Fourth Session, it is important that we reflect on our collective achievements made before the August recess. These milestones underscore our collective dedication to advancing the interests of our electorates as well as help us set the stage for our Assembly's agenda. Some of our notable achievements registered before the August recess include;

1. Legislative achievements

a) Bills

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During the period under review, several bills and regulations were received and committed to the relevant committees for pre-publication scrutiny. These legislative bills aim at strengthening governance and service delivery. They include;

- i. The Kitui County Health Facilities Improvement Financing Bill, 2024
- ii. The Kitui County Emergency Fund Regulations, 2024
- iii. The Kitui County Sports Management Bill, 2024
- iv. The Kitui County Appropriations Bill, 2025

b) Motions

Honourable Members,

It is worth noting that in the period leading to the August recess, this House debated and approved the following motions;

- i. Motion on adoption of the report by the whole House on the inspection exercise on projects funded by the county government conducted from 22nd to 26th July 2024.
- ii. Motion on adoption of the report by the Committee on Appointments on vetting of nominees to the selection panel for selecting suitable candidates for appointment as County Secretary, County Attorney and the Secretary to the County Public Service Board.
- iii. Motion on adoption of the report by the Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on consideration of the Kitui County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026.
- iv. Motion on adoption of the report by the Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial year 2024/2025.
- v. Motion on the state of the County address by H.E. the Governor in July 2025.

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2. Oversight achievements

Honourable Members,

Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya gives the County Assembly a constitutional mandate to oversight the County executive as one of its core mandates to ensure transparency, accountability and prudent use of public resources. The County Assembly committees conducted several inspection exercises across the 40 wards in Kitui County, and made reports highlighting key recommendations which, if considered by the implementing arm of the county government, could strengthen governance and ensure efficient service delivery to our people.

The following committees undertook various inspection exercises;

- i. Assembly sectoral committees conducted an oversight exercise to inspect projects funded by the county government in the FY 2024/2025.
- ii. The Assembly's watchdog committee on Public Investments and Accounts carried out an inspection exercise across the County in a bid to provide oversight on the use of public funds in projects funded by the County Government.
- iii. The Committee on County Budget and Appropriations spearheaded public participation exercise on budget estimates for the financial year 2025/2026.

Honourable Members,

As we resume from the August 2025 recess, I wish to reiterate the importance of intensifying our practice in preparation for the forthcoming 6th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games to be held next month. These games provide a vital platform for promoting

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wellness, teamwork and unity among County Assemblies across the nation. I therefore urge all of us to heighten our training sessions in readiness for the games, so that we ably represent our Assembly with excellence and distinction.

Honourable Members,

I reaffirm my commitment to support you in the discharge of your mandate. Let us work together guided by the principles of transparency, accountability and inclusivity, while embracing dialogue, respectful consultations, principled decision-making and constructive criticism in advancing our legislative agenda.

Finally, Honourable Members, kindly be reminded that the Assembly will proceed on recess on 3rd December, 2025, in line with the approved Assembly Calendar. Let us, therefore, redouble our efforts and diligently conclude all pending business before then.

May God bless us all, may God Bless Kitui County.

Thank you!

5. ADJOURNMENT -And the time being Thirty minutes past Three O'clock, the Honourable Speaker adjourned the House.

6. ASSEMBLY ROSE- at Thirty minutes past Nine O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Honourable Speaker will take the chair on the
Tuesday September 16th 2025 at 9.00 A.M*