



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**

**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION**

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

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**SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF THE HOUSE**

*Honorable Members,*

*Members of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board*

*The Clerk of the County Assembly,*

*Members of the Service present,*

*Distinguished guests,*

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

*Good afternoon.*

First and foremost, allow me to thank the Almighty God for this moment and say that I am truly honored and privileged to stand before you and address you as the newly elected Speaker of the County Assembly of Kitui. I thank you all for making this possible through the just concluded electoral process.

I wish to also take this opportunity to most sincerely congratulate all of you for being elected and being sworn-in as members of this August House to represent your respective constituents.

**Hon. Members,** I am sincerely grateful to you for believing in me and entrusting this very important duty to me, I promise and undertake to uphold the dignity of this honorable House at all times.

**Hon. Members,** I must also take this opportunity to most sincerely thank my family without whose support I would not have had the courage to go through the just concluded gruesome process. My family's prayers kept me focused and grounded and I am very elated to stand before you this beautiful afternoon after emerging victorious.

**Hon. Members,** allow me to also most sincerely and humbly thank Hon. George M. Ndotto, EGH, my immediate predecessor, for his immense contribution to the County Assembly throughout his tenure. Most notably, I acknowledge that it was through his remarkable leadership that the County Assembly of Kitui was able to take off successfully after the coming into force of our Constitution, 2010. His tenure was also marked by outstanding projects

that put Kitui County as a whole on the national map for instance this beautiful County Assembly chamber.

**Hon. Members**, I would also like to recognize the Hon. members who have been re-elected after a 5 years' hiatus, welcome back Members:

- 1. Hon. Mwandia Hussein**
- 2. Hon. Kasinga Titus Munyoki**
- 3. Hon. Munyasya Benard Mwangangi**
- 4. Hon. Ngwele Joseph Nzungi**
- 5. Hon. Katumbi Boniface Maundu**
- 6. Hon. Kimanzi Daniel Ngoima**

I am convinced that this County Assembly will benefit immensely from your experience.

**Hon. Members**, we also have;

- 1. Hon. Mutambu Alex Nganga**
- 2. Hon. Katana Stephen Ileve**
- 3. Hon. Mohammed Munira**
- 4. Hon. Ndumbu Mary Mbithi**
- 5. Hon. Munyalo Sylvester Kitheka**
- 6. Hon. Munyau David Masaku**
- 7. Hon. Mwangangi Charity**
- 8. Hon. Mwinzi Munyoki**
- 9. Hon. Peter Elizabeth Ndunge**

who were Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly and who have yet again been given the mandate to continue serving the people of Kitui. Notably to observe is

that the **Hon. Mwinzi Munyoki** who was a nominated member in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly is now an elected member. Congratulations.

**Hon. Members,**

I also wish to recognize **Hon. Kasyoka Judith Wanza** being the only female member of this County Assembly who was elected through universal suffrage on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, I believe her election speaks volume to the society that we should all endeavor to have and that is a society that sees capacity in all persons regardless of gender.

**Hon. Members,** I am reminded that in life, the only thing that is as good as rest is change, I want to recognize **Hon. Mwonjiri Jacinta Mary**, a Hon. Member who was until recently a member of the County Assembly of Kitui Service, this promotion is a manifestation that we should never be afraid to dream and by all means like Dr. Ben Carson once wrote, 'DREAM BIG'.

**Hon. Members,** looking at the membership of this County Assembly, I am in awe that finally the capability of the young people in Kitui County is being seen, recognized and given an opportunity, I wish to recognize all the young elected and nominated members of this House, I am confident that the future continues to be justly shaped as young people make their voices heard through active leadership roles. I wish to assure all members in this house, young in age and young at heart, that this County Assembly is a house of equals and we shall endeavor to support every member in the fulfilment of their constitutional mandate, collectively and severally.

**Hon. Members,** as I assume the responsibilities of the office of the Speaker of this County Assembly, I promise to serve with utmost integrity and offer transparent, unbiased and firm leadership to the members of this august house noting to always be guided by the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Kitui County Assembly Standing Orders and the rule of law.

**Hon. Members,** in fulfilment of my promise to serve, I also undertake to work in collaboration with the Executive Arm of our County Government, the National Government, government agencies and all our partners to ensure that the mandate of this house is achieved.

**Hon. Members,** the mandate of this County Assembly is spelt out in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 as well as Statutes and more specifically, Article 185 as read with Section 8 of the County Governments Act, 2012, vests the legislative authority of a County Government in its County Assembly. This House therefore has the responsibility of ensuring that it enacts laws that will assist in the management of County Government of Kitui affairs.

**Hon. Members,** I am also reminded that this County Assembly is the check that assures that any excesses by the County Executive and its agencies are dealt with, I promise to remain steadfast and assist this house in keeping vigilance to ensure that the County Executive remains administratively sound and balanced in the manner in which it operates.

**Hon. Members,** I am alive and fully aware that the responsibilities ahead of us are enormous but not in any way insurmountable and as I stand before you today, I have faith and trust that we are all up to the task and that we shall deliver our mandate to the people of Kitui.

**Hon. Members,** I am a servant of this house, and as a servant, my voice, my action and my authority shall only be exercised with authority from this house and only to the extent permitted by this house and I shall fully and without question or condition submit to the will of this august house.

As I conclude, **Hon. Members,** I also wish to thank the County Assembly Service under the leadership of the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Elijah Mutambuki, for a job well done and for making this day a success. It is my sincere hope that greatness lies ahead and that we shall endeavor to always and in unison reach for it.


God bless you.

God bless Kitui County Assembly.

God Bless Kitui County.

**Thank you!**

**THE HON.**



**SPEAKER OF KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022**

CLERK NEXT ORDER!