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Wednesday, 2nd November 2022

The House met in the County Assembly Chambers at 2:58 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS**STATEMENTS**

SCHEDULE OF PLENARY BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING
ON NOVEMBER 14 AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022
(Member of House Business Committee, Hon. Ngoima)

*(Errors were identified in the schedule and the Speaker
ordered that the business be deferred to allow for corrections to be made)*

MOTION**THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

[Resumption of debate deferred during the morning sitting]

The Speaker: Hon. Members remember in the morning we had began giving our input on the Governor's address. The motion was moved by Hon. Mbuno, seconded by Hon. Zack Syengo. I did promise that I will give Hon. Members between 10 to 15 minutes where they can give their maiden speeches and also give their input on the motion. The lesser time you take the lesser time you take the better for us. So, allow me now to open this motion for a debate for about one hour then now we will go to the other agenda and we shall resume this debate again in our next sitting. Can we have members give their input? You can raise your hands since the signals are not working.

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Those who are ready. Let me start with Hon. Paul Maluki and then Hon. Rose Kathoka. Hon. Mwamisi is your hand up?

Hon. Mwamisi: Yes.

The Speaker: Thank you. Then Hon. Mwamisi in that order. So, Hon. Paul please the people of Kwa Mutonga are listening. Go ahead.

Hon. Maluki: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to be guided by the Chair whether I am going to give a maiden speech or I am going to commend on the speech by the Governor.

The Speaker: I said you will do both. If you have a maiden speech you can start with it. If you just want give your input, it is you to choose, but you can do both.

Hon. Maluki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me comment on the speech by the Governor that was delivered to this House. Later on, I will give my maiden to the great people of Kwa Mutonga/ Kithumula who overwhelmingly voted me as their MCA.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our good governor Dr. Julius Makau Malombe his well-deserved victory and for the speech he delivered to this House. For the record, the governor was elected overwhelmingly in all the 40 wards of the county. His speech captures most of aspirations which most of the Hon. Members in this House had when they were vying for their positions.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, because I have gone through it and you saw me in the morning sitting when I wanted I actually to go through it on our own and then we comment on it. It is good because I was able to go with my good friend the Deputy Leader of Majority Party.

Mr. Speaker, Sir I must say that most of the things that are captured, this county so well. Particularly, I am concerned about the machinery – the ones for doing the roads. Even as we speak, because I have seen there are around seven grinders, it only two of them which are currently functioning for a county with 40 wards.

If you do a simple mathematics, it means, it may take a month or so before a member of this County Assembly gets allocation of that grinder. It is a very sorry state, but we must live with it. Since one of the recommendations was the committee will be able to look at it and say which machines can be disposed and which ones can be repaired. My urge to the Executive is the ones that can be repaired, let it be done as soon as possible because the past regime the development was skewed towards certain directions. But of course, the speech by the Governor, hasn't touched any single ward, it is capturing the aspirations of all what, regardless of who was elected on which party. And that is, the commitment all of us as Hon. Members, we should uphold. But we are here as a team and what is affecting my good people of Kwa Mutonga/ Kithumula Ward, is the same as that affecting people of Endau/Malalani and so forth.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I'm worried because during the address by the Governor, I know he mentioned something about seedlings. I know that we haven't yet gotten the supplementary budget and he mentioned something like seedlings. I want to look at how timely it is because once we are back to the villages, the voters are asking us, "When are you bringing us back the seedlings?" So because this speech was delivered on 11th of October, it means it has taken a bit sometime. The governor mentioned about the supplementary budget, Mr. Speaker, I know is going to be of great importance to this House. I don't know because I have not done Law whether we are taking too long or whether the Government is taking too long. I am happy because the departments that he mentioned are around 26. He said one that had been advertised previously are 16 then 10 more

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work to follow. That is to mean there are great opportunities for our young people. And of course, all sectors will be well captured. I'm looking at the Community Level Development Infrastructure (CLIDP) and it's talking about Kshs 10 million per ward. That is Kshs. 400 million. It should be well documented. I mean, it should be well elaborated as whether the Kshs 10 million per ward is going to be for the remaining days before the fiscal year ends, or it is his plan for the next five years. It needs some clarity, because of course Hon. Members cannot agree that the Governor mentioned Kshs.10 million.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is also something called Pro-poor Programme. I must applaud the Governor for this initiative. You can see he has increased the budget for the programme. That is to tell him how much the governor cares for the poor people of Kitui so as to acquire basic education. Now the big elephant in the house is the allocation for the Pro-poor programme. My suggestion is, let the MCAS be part of the Pro-poor programme because we are the people who are dealing directly with the electorate. The calls these members of these who are receiving every day in regards to, *"Hello, Mheshimiwa, watoto wamefukuziwa karo."* If Hon. Members of the respective wards can be in control this we will be able to ensure that the money goes to the people who are really deserving. This is because you will find a situation whereby somebody who is able to pay school fees and even feed the people is the same benefiting at the expense of somebody who is languishing in poverty and with bright kids who really deserve the bursary but doesn't get. By ensuring MCAs are in control of it, I am sure we will ensure that there is equity.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I have seen the governor talk about casuals versus permanent employees. Let me first congratulate the governor for the gold plan that he is having for the ECDE teachers. But my suggestion would be, even before he works on the casuals over the permanent employees, the governor constitutes a committee to do a thorough audit of the staff of this county so that we can know the number of ghost workers in the county. This is because there are some people who may be getting paid without delivering or giving services to the people of Kitui. That is to mean somebody is being paid at the expense of somebody else who is not employed who should be working. Therefore, if the governor constitutes a committee, do thorough audit of the staff, it will be much in order. We can borrow from Kisii County. I saw the governor there parade all drivers of the county and he instructed them, to go and stand by their car. Because you will be shocked to have so many other ghost workers in Kitui County. If this is not done, the casuals who might be laid off are the ones who are collecting revenue from the business people in the Kitui. Therefore, in a way, we must do a balancing act. What are they bringing on board, vis-à-vis what they are getting as their payback this bigger.

Mr, Speaker, Sir, without wasting time let me congratulate the governor for the good speech and urge him to do a speedy work and bring forth his list of CECMs and then the supplementary budget so that now members of the public can see this House functioning. Without the CECMs and the Supplementary Budget we don't have most of answers for the questions we are getting from our people.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know our good governor means well for this county and he has all our support. So, nothing should worry him. He should just move faster, bring the names here and implement the letter what he said in his speech. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Maluki. Hon. Ngoima and then Hon. Rose Kathoka.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Before I stand to dissect on the Governor's speech, let me take this opportunity to thank the people of Kitui township ward for electing me with a lot of votes having been contest thirteen candidates. So, they showed a lot of trust in me. And as I stand in this assembly, I want to assure them that I will fight for them. I will fight for their rights and I will work for them diligently and give them what is theirs for the next five years.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, having said that, I also want to thank you for establishing an Ad hoc Committee this morning to investigate and report to this Assembly on the issues of banditry and camels' invasion in the areas of the boundary of Kitui and Tana River County. I hope the committee will work very fast and bring the report so that we adopt it and be implemented for future. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to dissect the speech the Governor gave. It was an awesome collection on what is needed to be done in our county. I have observed that it has touched every ward and I want to congratulate the Governor for the well thought programmes in the speech he brought to this House. I need to say that if what is written in the document will be actualized in every corner of Kitui, every person will feel the development. Starting with my ward here, where we have the County Headquarter, it has talked about the County Teaching and the Referral Hospital which will be done. This will be done in Kitui and Mwingi and we will be waiting to see whether it will be done because it is something which has not been there. We will be waiting to see whether it will be actualized because everybody will deserve to have it like today.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has also talked about the construction of a resource centre which is in progress at my ward which stalled after the end of the first County Assembly. And for five years nothing has been done on this resource centre which was started, only for the metal dealers to go to the sites and stole the metal bars which were left there by the contractor. There is nothing to be seen there today. Actually, we are now very happy as Kitui township ward that it will be given to a contractor and the development will be done.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, when we talk of health, everybody lies there and everybody benefits from healthcare. The work has started about equipping our health facilities with drugs. The governor said he will be supplying medicines immediately. After he gave his speech, we launched the same. Our hospitals now have medicines even if not enough. We have some.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Governor also talked about the ECDE teachers where he said that they will be transiting from temporary to permanent and pensionable terms (P and P). So, we have all the reasons to say that this was a very well thought document. It touches every Hon. Member of the Assembly and our people.

The reinstatement of the Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), which was started from 2013 to 2017 and after the First Assembly it is stopped. Like some of them were chased away and nothing has been going on. The CHVs report every disease and every epidemic coming up from our villages. Like in Township here and every other town, where we have a lot of population such as my place in Kalundu – a place we used to have the Cholera disease outbreaks. But with the CHVs in place we have been able to contain the disease there. They have been reporting immediately when we have some unattended garbage and unfriendly environments to human beings. They are therefore, very important to us and especially those people who live in in towns. So, this one will be reinstated again and we applaud the same.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Kazi kwa Vijana, has been employing a lot of youth. It will be done

On security in my place in this town, with the street lighting and with these solar masts being put around will improve security. The rehabilitation of streets and the security lighting will be of positive impact to our people. The Governor talked about a slaughter house in my ward which needs relocation as well as in Mwingi towns. The slaughter houses, and especially the case the Kitui slaughter house was built back in the 1980s. The place where it is built at that time, it was only surrounded by a forest. Nobody was staying in these places because the population was small. But now when you go to these places you will find that they have been invaded by residential houses, which is inevitable. We can't do without them. So many times, residents have been asking us why we don't do the same by relocating the slaughter house. And now the document we have has captured it. So, I have all the reasons to say that it is a good report because it is touching much on my Ward (Kitui Township Ward) where I live and where almost all the Hon. Members are living now because the Assembly is situated in Township Ward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we also have the Community Level Infrastructure Development Program (CLIDP). Although the amount we are given in every Ward is very little we would wish that in future we think of adding more on the 10M allocated for every Ward. Because this amount is very little for our Wards.

Secondly, the Pro-poor support program started with initial allocation of 40M has been increased to 120M. This is a step forward but also in future, we will need an addition allocation of 40M to 50M for support of education to our people.

Mr. Speaker Sir, that is all what I had to say concerning the Governor's address but in conclusion this document has touched every member. Especially those members who went round promising electorates that they will do this and that and was also captured in our manifestos. Therefore, we feel that our manifestos were captured in the same document.

I congratulate the Governor for the well thought speech and also thinking on working for our people. Thank you so much.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ngoima, Member for Kitui Township. Hon. Rose Kathoka, Hon. Dominic Mwamisi, Hon. Katumbi, Hon. Gabriel Munyao, Hon. Charity Kathathi and Hon. Kalamba Musau, for today we will debate up to that level. And then next time we will continue with other Hon. Members. Clerk ensure they don't exceed 10 Minutes. If someone makes his/her maiden speech, I will give them 15 minutes and if they don't 10 minutes. Five minutes is only for maiden speech to thank your people. Hon. Rose Kathoka please, the floor is yours.

Hon. (Ms.) Kathoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I am a woman of few words. There is a Bishop who normally says that he is a man of few words. Therefore, I will go straight to the point.

First and foremost, I want to thank my party leader and the Wiper fraternity for believing in me by nominating me to represent people living with disability in Kitui County.

Now I want to comment on the speech by the Governor. I was in this House when he was giving the speech on 11th October, 2022. I want to comment something on page 27 and that is where I belong because those are the people I came to represent.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know from the wards we come from that we have so many people living with disabilities and they are not registered with the National Council For Persons With Disabilities (NCPWD) and since the Governor has preserved 5% Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) and Reservation of 30% of the County's budgeted annual Procurement opportunities for AGPO women, youth and PWDs.

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My request is that, if it is possible Hon. Members, we see how we can mobilize disabled peoples in our Wards to register with this Council so that they can get their disability cards and benefit from the County Government.

I think those who are living in Kitui town and Mwingi town might be in a position to have the card but I am trying to imagine those who are living in the villages like “*Kasiluni*”, “*Mitamisiyi*” etc. may not be in a position to get those cards.

Secondly, I request the Governor, as he nominates the County Executive Committee Members, to consider someone living with disability so that the people living with disability can feel represented in both County Assembly and County Executive.

In conclusion, because I said I am a woman of few words. I would like to urge the Hon. Members to support our Governor because from the speech he has touched the needs of the entire County. And with our support of especially those who are elected, you will be re-elected back to this House but if you won't support him on what he has promised to do to our people you might see some of us (nominated members') overtaking you by being elected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Rose Kathoka and especially for challenging the elected members like Hon. Kasungi. Hon. Dominic Mwamisi the floor is yours. You can also be a person of few words like Rose Kathoka.

Hon. Mwamisi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, before I proceed so that I can utilize my minutes very well, first and foremost I want to thank the great people of Mutha Ward who from their own wisdom and of course being guided by God, saw it good and valid to elect me as their representative to this great House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Mutha Ward is one of the most challenged Wards in different categories. And I want to promise the people of Mutha that I will stand with them, work for them and for the posterity of Mutha Ward.

Mr. Speaker, I would like also to take this great opportunity to thank your leadership and Hon. Members of this House for the great support you accorded to me and the people of Mutha during the past three challenging weeks that we had recently. It would be very wrong for that support to go unnoticed because we felt your warmth in our Ward.

Mr. Speaker Sir, recently Mutha is one of the most visited area by leaders and the Hon. Members of this County up to this moment. Therefore, I want to say thank you. Once again, I want to thank you for the support you accorded us during the burial of Mutuku Mwangi. The representation was fine and the residents of Mutha were very happy because of your attendance.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment on the great speech by the Governor, Dr. Julius Makau Malombe which was read in this House. According to me, this speech is a great reminder to myself and the Hon. Members of this House the reason why we were elected. And also the reason why we are in leadership. The speech captured the spirit of oneness, according to me it is unifying and as other Hon. Members have said, it has captured the needs of every Ward which is represented here in different areas.

I noticed some points from the speech which I need to highlight: The Governor has inherited a huge wage bill, which is beyond 35% but I know the County Assembly and the County Executive will work together to bring it down because when the wage bill is low, more resources will be channelled to development which is the most important thing to our electorates.

Still on the same address, there is a point where he mentioned that, the ball is on our court. This means that is an inclusive duty to all of us to support him as he also supports us to deliver development to our people.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I echo the other Members of this Hon. House, I also noticed that the ECD teachers will be put into permanent and pensionable terms. They are in the initial point of the education system and therefore, this is something we to support so that we can continue pushing education higher.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in terms of machinery and motor vehicles, I noticed that we are not doing well. The Governor indicated that out of 140 vehicle owned by the County Government only 76 are working. It means 64 vehicles are not working. I know this is something that will delay development because of mobility and logistics. Therefore, I would request that we work day and night to ensure that those vehicle which have mechanical problems are fixed and also the motorbike because out of 233 only 127 that are working. That is a sorry state of the affairs that we found or the Governor found office.

Mr. Speaker Sir, sadly, there is also issue of the ambulances. We might need to escalate this issue further because of the 46 ambulances, only 22 that are in good condition. So, it means, if we would say out of the 40 Wards, every Ward to get service of ambulance; which very critical. Its only 22 Wards which will get such services.

The Governor also talked about Manyenyoni land, which I am not so sure whether it's within Hon. Ngoima territory. That, there is a lot of court cases concerning it and the land was also put on caveat. So I think that is something we can look at once we have the House Committee which deals with land in place. And this is something which needs to be quick to fix that mess.

Mr. Speaker, to the people of Mutha, the Governor mentioned about mega dams and two other large dams in every Ward. That is a very big privilege because water is still a big challenge in my Ward and needs to be addressed in a correct way.

Mr. Speaker as I conclude, His excellence the Governor, Dr. Makau Malombe speech also touched on the issues of cooperatives. Where he empathises the need to have cooperatives which deals with honey and other small business. This is something I think we need to embrace because the people of Mutha and other neighbouring Wards do bee keeping in large scale. Therefore, I support it.

Mr. Speaker, my educational background is on matters to do with environment and his Excellence the Governor mentioned the need to start tree planting. I feel that I should end my speech on the Governor's address at this point. Therefore, we need to support issues to do with environment, we need to plant a lot of trees. Again, the day before yesterday, our president William Ruto mentioned about "*kazi kwa vijana*" and said that instead "*Kazi Kwa Vijana*" they will be doing tree planting. So, this is something we should emphasize for posterity of the people of Kitui County and Kenya at large. Because the speech of the Governor relates with that of his excellence, the head of State. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

(Hon. Katumbi stood in his place)

The Speaker: Thank you. I think Hon. Gabriel Munyao was next. Hon. Katumbi, you are the last or you are the next?

Hon. Katumbi: Yes.

The Speaker: Oh sorry. Let give Hon. Katumbi a chance, the people of Kyagwithya East are eagerly waiting to hear from him.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. As you have said, I am Hon. Boniface Katumbi, MCA Kyagwithya East Ward. First and foremost, I take this opportunity to thank my people for trusting me with their votes and for giving me a second chance to serve them. As you may be aware, I was Member of the County Assembly (MCA) in the first Assembly but I lost in 2017 to another Hon. Member and now they have given me another chance to serve them. So, I have to appreciate them, I can't take it for granted.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate our Governor for the good speech he gave in this House. In his speech he indicated that he will motivate all the County staffs by paying their salaries on time. We have witnessed that employees of the County receiving their salaries on time.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of ECDE teachers; I must appreciate him because I worked with him in 2013-2017 and he employed ECDE teachers. In my Ward it is only a few schools which don't have ECDE teachers. My concern is whether our able Governor is going to employ ECDE teachers to schools which have only one ECDE teacher or it's only for schools which don't have ECDE teachers.

The other concern is that since we have constructed ECDE classrooms. For example, in my Ward, almost every school has ECDE teacher and its only few which are remaining. Therefore, my concern is whether the able Governor will come up with a school feeding program for our ECDE pupils.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also have another issue concerning vehicles as alluded by Hon. Member for Mutha. He said that we have 140 vehicles and out of them only 76 are working and there are other machines which are not operational including the ambulances. This is an indication that the drivers are unable to take care of the vehicles. I urge the County Government to investigate these drivers and the County Public Service Board to employ qualified drivers in future recruitments so that they can take good care of the County vehicles and other machineries.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the issue of constructing 60 sand dams in every Ward is a very good idea. In the first Assembly we had this plan but I can't remember whether this target was achieved. I am therefore requesting the Governor if it's possible to ensure that the implementation of this plan starts immediately so that we can harvest water in a proper way.

The issue on completion of abandoned projects is also a very great idea if it can be implemented. In my Ward there is a Ward office which was not constructed and it is not mentioned whether it will be constructed. Because in his address, he just said that the incomplete Ward Administrator's offices in various Wards will be done. My request is whether the Governor could be specific on Wards where Ward Administrator's offices were not constructed but I know he will construct a ward office in my ward because he is up to the task.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of health care, I must congratulate the Governor for ensuring our hospitals and dispensaries are supplied with drugs because I witnessed and I have no issue with it. However, I want to request him that in future he ensures these medicines are supplied on time so that our people do not suffer in walking for long distance to get medicine.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of issuing seeds to farmers. My concern is that during 2013-2017 we had that program of distributing seeds our farmers. And it created a lot of disharmony among our electorates because the quantity of seeds which was purchased was not sufficient to all

of them. I therefore plead with the Governor if there is no enough money to purchase seeds to all farmers in the County, it would be better for him to abandon that program instead of creating disharmony among our people. However, if there is enough budget to undertake that program he can proceed with it.

Mr. Speaker Sir, still on the issue of distributing seeds, we are already late because farmers have already planted and they cannot wait, since this is a short rain season. Therefore, I urge the Governor if he is able to supply seeds in future to ensure farmers are supplied with seeds early. For example, during the month of June, July or August if possible so that the farmers can prepare to plant them early rather than planting late.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of tree seedlings, I think we are late to give them seedlings because rain has already started. However, if they can be supplied with seedlings right now or even tomorrow, It would be an advantage to our homesteads and even to farmers.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of education, he has indicated that he will connect all youth polytechnics with internet. My worry is some polytechnics are far away from our shopping centres and I know the program is targeting our youths. I therefore request this internet to be connected to places which are near the shopping centres so that our youths can easily access places where internet is connected and do their work comfortably.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the other thing is on security. Street lightening is very important to our market centres. As I said earlier, I worked with him back in 2013 to 2017 and we installed solar lightening but as we talk now, some of them are not functioning and not only functioning, others have been stolen. Therefore, I propose if we want to succeed in this initiative, I think it is better we look for other options but not solar lighting. Because if we continue using solar, we will not be doing well to our people; since they will keep on being stolen and our people will continue suffering.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of pro-poor support. This is a very good initiative and I think during the First Assembly we tried but was not to the satisfactory to our people who needed it. This is because the amount of money which was allocated for the needy students was not enough and hence, they had to vote in order to get this money. Therefore, if we want to support our needy students to continue with studies, I think this pro-poor support should be increased so that all the students can benefit.

I also want to congratulate the Governor because during his first term we were to construct pit latrines in market centres. However, if you visit an area like Museve shopping centre, there is a pit latrine which has been misused and there is nobody to clean it. Therefore, I urge the County Government through the leadership of our able Governor Malombe, to employ cleaners to all market centres so that those pit latrines can be cleaned so that our people can use them.

In conclusion, I want to thank our Governor for proposing to tarmac Kitui-Museve-Miambani road, where I come from. If that road is tarmacked, we will be able to grow economically, politically and spiritually.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I informed you earlier, we have a shrine in Museve and I requested you to allocate time one day we visit that place. It is a holy place. It is not a place for catholic believers only but it is for all worshippers who believe in one true God. All can go there, pray to God and they will receive miracles in future.

Mr. Speaker Sir, a lot of people travel from different parts of Kenya to worship in that shrine. For example, during this rain season, it is not easy to access Museve shrine because of the muddy road. Therefore, if that road is tarmacked, the people of Museve, Miambani and the entire Kyangwithya East will appreciate. Personally, I appreciate him in advance because I know that he will tarmac it because he is a man who keeps his word.

Finally, the Governor requested for unity and cooperation from all the Hon. Members. I therefore urge all the elected Hon. Members to support him and work together so that we can move Kitui forward. With those few remarks, I support the address by the Governor and I wish him all the best as he delivers to our people of Kitui County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you Member for Kyangwithya East. I can confirm your electorates elected a good legislator and thank you for welcoming us to Museve Shrine. I am sure Hon. Nzavu and all the members here we can plan to visit the shrine by the end of the year for prayers and blessings. Hon. Gabriel Munyao, Member for Kauwi Ward and the Chairman for the PAC Committee, the floor is yours.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to take this opportunity first to thank my good people of Kauwi for giving me an opportunity to serve them at the County Assembly of Kitui.fv

I want to thank the people of Kauwi for believing in me. It is the first time I ran for a political seat and they trusted me with that seat. I also want to thank them for believing in me having been a teacher in one of their best schools in Kauwi Ward, Kyondoni Girls High School. I served them well in that capacity and I am grateful they have given me an opportunity to serve them in another capacity.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the Governor's Address, being a man of few words, I will not talk much. I have been a mathematician and therefore I speak in brief.

Of concern Mr. Speaker Sir in the Governor's Address is the issue of Early Childhood Education; the Governor clearly outlined measures that he is taking into place to ensure that our ECDE teachers are taken care of by putting them into permanent and pensionable terms. However, there are schools in my Ward which have more than one stream. Most of these teachers are employed by the PTA. I therefore urge the Governor to consider absorbing those teachers.

Still on the same, we have shortage of ECDE classrooms in our schools. We are again requesting the Governor in his plan to construct ECDE classrooms to look at increasing the same to multi-streamed primary schools.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is also the issue of the re-instatement of cleaners in towns and market centres. This is a very good move by the Governor and is commendable. However, we would like to urge the Governor to ensure that our towns have clean and safe drinking water. The place where I come from, the main market centre is Kabati town which is divided into Kabati East and Kabati West. The side of Kabati West is where we have the broadways water pipeline passing through. That pipeline is not on the other side of Kabati East. I would like to ask the Governor as he undertakes to make out towns clean, that he also undertakes to provide clean drinking water. Actually, we don't have water at all in Kabati East and all the Landlords have lost their tenants to Kabati West for lack of water. So, we request the Governor to look into that.

Thirdly, we have learned from the Governor's speech that we have at least two serviceable and well-maintained farm tractors for each Ward. My Ward, Kauwi is actually the food basket of

Kitui County although Hon. Members you may not be aware of this. We have farmers in Kauwi that harvest maize and beans in the range of over 200 and 500 bags. So, we have large scale farmers in Kauwi. I do request the Governor to allocate farm tractors to the Wards according to their needs. As a representative of Kauwi Ward, I request my Governor to increase allocation of farm tractors to about six or ten so that we can produce enough food for Kitui County. This will help us mitigate the problem of hunger in our County.

As I conclude Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to congratulate our Governor for keeping his word. We have already floated some names to be given seedlings during this planting season. From the Governor's speech, he had promised to give out the seedlings before the onset of the October-November short rains. Already the rains are here with us and the seedlings have not been dispatched to the Ward headquarters. We request the Governor to FastTrack the provision of the seedlings to farmers so that my farmers can start planting.

Finally, as the chairman of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee, we commit ourselves in helping our Governor to weed out corruption in our County. We are ready, prepared and willing to take the cartels head on. The Governor has committed himself into running a corruption free County band members of my committee are willing and ready to serve in fighting corruption in all offices.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would have said much but I cannot say everything now. I thank each and every member for supporting this speech because it is not based on a particular Ward but it is actually fair distribution of County resources to all our Wards. There are very many good things about this speech that we can really discuss. I want to thank the Governor for that brave and transparent undertaking for this County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support the speech of the Governor and his development agenda for the next five years. God bless us all. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you, the very brave debater and representative of the people of Kauwi Ward. Now let's listen to the Hon. Charity Kathathi and then Mheshimiwa Kalamba wa Musau. Mheshimiwa Charity, the floor is yours.

Hon. (Ms.) Kathathi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I'd like first to thank my party leader for nominating me to this House. I also want to thank members of this third Assembly and the Speaker for gracing my thanksgiving party that was held on 10th. In fact, you left a mark in Matinyani because you showed unity. Over 27 members of this House attended and some members of staff. My family and I were very grateful.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the Governor's speech, I want to start by saying the speech was very inclusive because it has touched on the Persons living with disabilities. On page 26 of the speech, we can see how the Governor is ready to provide 5% tenders and how he is going to assist this category of people by empowering them. I salute the Governor for that.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you are aware, Kitui County doesn't have a disability Act. We are in a process of making a disability Bill that will come to this House and I will urge the Hon. Members to support that Bill once it is tabled in this House so that we can have an Act that can be used in case the rights of Persons living with disabilities are violated. The Bill is going for public participation and we are working with the National Council for people living with disabilities Kitui County office and also an NGO called BLINK and we are ready to bring that Bill here. The

Governor is in support of the same because we have written to him. We want the Bill to be presented here very soon and I will be expecting your support and approval.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will also want to note in the Governor's speech, the provision of a decent working environment for hawkers and pavement traders. I wish to request the Governor and the executive in general to make use of the projects that were started by the former regime. I was a member of the Municipal Board, Kitui County and we had started the construction of Kithomboani Market and I hope Hon. Ngoima can support the Idea. The market is aimed at taking care of all the hawkers. It is a four-storey building that can accommodate all the hawkers in town. The building is 90% complete and I hope the Governor will complete it. It is a modern structure with coolers and other facilities that can be used by mama mbogas for their vegetables.

Also Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to talk about the CECMs who are about to be brought into this House for vetting. I wish one person living with disability can be among them so that we are included in the Government. I am sure many have applied and I know very qualified persons among the applicants. We do say that disability is not inability. We will therefore appreciate if the Governor can consider one of us to be in the Executive.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the speech that the Governor brought to us and the projects that are envisaged in there are all good and are going to benefit all residents of Kitui County. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker Sir, I rest my case.

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa. I am sure all the PLWDs are well represented by yourself and Mheshimiwa Rose Kathoka, so, well done. Believe you me, all the input you are giving, a report will be prepared, submitted to the Governor and I am sure he will consider some or even all of our proposals to him. I support your agenda for the PLWDs because they have been neglected. Well done Mheshimiwa Charity and we were happy to come and grace your thanksgiving party. Mheshimiwa Kalamba Musau, the floor is yours.

Hon. (M.s) Kalamba: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. First and foremost, I thank you for your commitment that you have shown to us and the entire County of Kitui. May the Lord meet you at the point of your needs.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am grateful to the Almighty God for granting me life and health to serve as an MCA. I am delighted in the acceptance of being honoured by my party leader, H.E, Hon. Charity Kaluki Ngilu to serve as a nominated MCA in this third House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am a mother, realistic and politically ambitious and I believe one day, this dream will come true.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am ready to serve to the best of my ability to walk and work together not only with the Hon. Members but also with our Governor to deliver the best services to the people of Kitui.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I thus call upon all leaders to put their hands in one desk to serve the people of Kitui diligently.

Last but not least Mr. Speaker Sir, I congratulate all Hon. Members for the cooperation they have shown so far and I urge them to stick to that lane. May the Lord grant us wisdom in our hearts to focus our energies in development.

Concerning the Governor's speech, I thank H.E, Dr. Julius Makau Malombe for providing schemes of service for ECDE teachers and transiting them to Permanent and Pensionable terms.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also thank our Governor for coming up with an initiative of empowering women. As you all know, if you empower a woman, you empower the whole community.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to emphasize on seeds provision to farmers since this will enable the less privileged to be able to prepare for the rains.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also thank our Governor for ensuring that salaries for all County employees are paid on time. Thank you and I again say thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa Kalamba for your great input. Hon. Members as I had already said, this debate will be continuous. We have had two sessions today and as per the Standing Orders, we have two more. So, the next time we are coming back we will have two sessions where I will now reduce the minutes to ten. So please come prepared Hon. Kieti to talk to your people.

Hon. Members allow me to defer this motion until the 15th of November 2022 in the morning sitting. Next Order.

STATEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF PLENARY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING ON 14TH AND
ENDING ON FRIDAY 18TH FRIDAY 2022
(*Member, County Assembly Business Committee, Hon.Ngoima,.*)

The Speaker: Hon. Ngoima I think now you can do the needful.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. My name is Hon. Daniel Ngoima Kimanzi and I represent Kitui Township Ward.

I am standing here as a member of the House Business Committee to give the business coming to this House from the 14th of November to 18th of November 2022.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 36 and 41 (2), I beg to lay on the table a statement to inform the County Assembly of the business coming before the House in the week commencing the 14th of November and ending on 18th of November 2022.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I present this one, I had started and I am sorry for we had done wrong on the dates, so, these are the correct dates for the same.

(Hon. Ngoima read the statement and proceeded to lay it on the table of the Assembly)

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa Ngoima for issuing the statement. I am sure Hon. Members have taken note of the schedule of business as you have laid.

Next Order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE
COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(*Hon. Mbuno, Deputy Leader of the Majority Party*)

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The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member for giving out the Statement on the Schedule of Business for next week. I am sure Hon. Members have taken note of the same. Next Order

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: Hon. Mbuno please take the floor.

Hon. Mbuno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to move a Procedural Motion on adjournment of the County Assembly; that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 (3) this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today, the November 2, 2022 to allow the Hon. Members to undertake an induction exercise on committees work and County Assembly Standing Orders and resume its sitting on Tuesday November 15, 2022 at 9: 00 am.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand before you to request the House that we have the adjournment as from the date stipulated so that the Hon. Members can attend an induction exercise and get trained so that we can effectively discharge our duties in the respective committees.

Mr Speaker, Sir as you are aware we have been given a mandate by the people of Kitui to be here and we all aspire to serve them to the best of our ability. We can do that better if we get to know how the work is done. We need as a House to attend the induction so that we are trained on the mandate of the committees as well as on the Standing Orders. We will also get skills on how to undertake other legislative matters.

As you are aware, the supplementary budget is awaiting us. The Committee on Budget and appropriations members also thinking what they are going to do. So having this session, I hope they will be trained, and then they will be equipped enough knowledge so that they can perform their duties in the committee. Budget and Appropriations Committee is just but an example. We several other committees coming up. There are things we need to know as Hon. Members. For example without the Budget and Appropriations Committee doing their work, Car and Mortgage wouldn't be there.

So, I think it is opportune time that we agree as Hon. Members, we adjourn this House, we get trained, so that when that budget is brought to us, then we can be able to enjoy the fruits that are there for us as Hon. Members. Secondly, we also need to know about the Sectorial Committees. How do they perform? For example, in the Labour and the Social Services Committee, we would wish to know how that particular committee performs so that we can effectively discharge our mandate in that committee among other committees.

So, I urge Hon. Members, we agree as a House so that we can go for the training so that when we come back on November 15th, we will be more sharpened and more effective in our service delivery. With that, I wish to request Hon. Gabriel Munyao to second.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I first wish to thank the Hon. Member for Endau/ Malalani , Hon. Mbuno for moving the adjournment motion and giving me an opportunity to second it.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you may be aware, in this House, we have new members – members that have just been elected for the first time. Most of us, are not conversant with most of the operations of the House. I request that we approve this adjourn motion so that members can be trained on how to legislate.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, noting that we have a huge task ahead of us. We have the budget on our way, members are new, and they need to know how to do things, as pertains the budget. The appointments are also on the way. We request as members that we adjourn this House to allow members to be trained on how to vet the appointees that Governor will bring to this house anytime from now.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we also need to be sharpened on how to handle the budget issues. We also need to be trained on how to play our oversight role effectively from day one. So I second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mbuno for moving the motion and Hon. Gabriel Munyao for seconding. Honourable members allow me to propose the question.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members allow me to give a few of you at most two minutes to give their input on this particular motion before we move on. Yes Hon. Daniel Ngoima.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if we don't want to cheat ourselves and even those who send us to this House, we will not avoid going for training. The training needs to be done to the Hon. Members who are sent to this Assembly, not once, not twice, but many times because everybody here is green. Green in the sense that you are sent here but you don't know how to discharge some of your duties. But it is out of these trainings that you will be competent, efficient and very perfect in doing your duties.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the motion as moved by the Deputy Leader of the Majority that we adjourn the House for the induction course. We will not be trained on committee matters alone. We will also be trained on the way to discharge our duties. Being a Hon. Member and having come that green, I don't know where to touch, where not to touch; how to present the bills, the motions. If that question is put majority doesn't know what is motion and difference between motion and a bill. There are policies coming from the executive, we don't know how to execute them, how to work with them and how to dispense them. So the trainings are the only avenues we can get the information and the knowledge and the knowhow. So this is inevitable. We cannot avoid the trainings. Even those who are green, and even those who have been here again, like myself, we also need the refresher course. I think Hon. Member for Kyangithya East Hon. Katumbi has forgotten some of the practices we do here and there. So we need to have these trainings. Unless we do it, we will not be effective. I therefore, stand here to support that we break for at least one week, be trained, be perfect and life is continues. Life is continuous. You need to read and learn new things every day. So let us be the support the motion so that even before we break for our recess, we will be perfect as people who have been here before. I know it's a challenge to most of us on how we do things, but this course will give us all what you want to know. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ngoima for your input. Hon. Muthama Kieti I would also like to hear from you.

Mhesh. Kieti: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono hii hoja kwa sababu mambo yanaendelea sawasawa.

The Speaker: Asante Mheshimiwa. Baba yetu akiongea kuna mwingine anataka kuongea? Mheshimiwa Dominic Mwamisi, ungependa kuongeza? Tafadhali endelea.

Hon. Mwamisi: Hon. Speaker *baba ameongeea na hilo ni jambo nzuri*. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support the motion of adjournment. The reason being, you will even concur with me that the trainings are very key. This is especially for us who came into this House for the first time, we need to learn a lot and understand the language of the House and also understand the way things are done. People are very expectant on the outcome of whatever we will be discussing and the way we are going to discharge our duties in this House. We can only be reasonable enough if we get more skills. I stand to support and say that we need more and more of this. I might not know the venue. However, Hon. Speaker, Sir, in our own wisdom. I know you'll guide us very well. But Mombasa does us very well. Thank you.

The Speaker: Honourable Mwamisi it seems after fighting the bandits you like to do some swimming there and there. But I am sure the Office of the Clerk will advise accordingly. Hon. Immaculate Wanza we would also like to hear from you. She's here.

Hon. (Ms) Wanza: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support the motion and also support Hon. Mwamisi I think Mombasa is a good place to relax.

(Applause)

The Speaker: You can also give Hon. Frida, Hon. Ciambutra and then Honourable Katumbi.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am supporting the motion. I think I was getting stressed. So I am happy. I'm going to relax and swim. This time I'll carry my swimming costumes...

(Point of Order)

The Speaker: There is a point from Hon. Katumbi Let's hear him first then you continue.

Hon. Katumbi: Mr. Speaker Sir, is it in order for the Hon. Member to mislead this House that she is going to relax and is going to swim while we are going for training?

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Katumbi for correcting the Hon. Member, Hon. Frida perhaps you can elaborate. Will you be going there to swim and relax?

Hon. Mutinda: Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me let me correct my friend here. Hon. Member and tell you the training is not going to be 24 hours, at least after the training I'll have two hours to relax, which I am not getting now. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katsiya): I was expecting Hon. Member to also invite us for your thanksgiving. That was the chance.

Hon. Mutinda: Sorry, let me come again. Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you. And remember to come on November 13th, we are having a thanksgiving mass which has been conducted by our priest and most of you have been invited because they are celebrating our leadership and re-election and the ones who have been elected and then the contribution will go towards a church, which has been constructed at my place in Ngutani, Kyome/ Thaana Ward.

The Speaker: Thank you. I am sure Hon. Katumbi will not stand on a point of order. There is a concern. Yes Hon. Mwandia and then Hon. Ciambutra will give us an input.

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Yes.

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Hon. Mwandia: This House is a House of rules. Mr. Speaker, you should observe rules and laws to the letter. Hon. Members should be very careful because we should not invite other businesses not provided for in our standing Orders in our conventions, customs and traditions of the house. Harambees, call it what should not be discussed in this House.

The Speaker: Honourable Katumbi you have a point of Order or?

Hon. Katumbi: Information.

Hon. Mwandia: I don't want his information, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker: There's a point of concern.

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no point of concern on another point of concern, I beg to continue. Mr. Speaker, Sir, protect me.

The Speaker: Let Hon. Mwandia continue then Hon. Katumbi will give your concern.

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker, Sir, let us be very careful.

The Speaker: Order Hon. Katumbi!

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker guide this House properly and let us use parliamentary languages and decisions. We are going for an extension of the business of the House outside this House. We are going for a training. It is very shameful for an Hon. Member to say this House is going for leisure. Yet we are adjourning the business of the House to do other business of the House. Not for leisure. I beg to advise.

The Speaker: Thank you for your advice. Hon. Katumbi, what is your information? I want to hear it.

Hon. Katumbi: Mr. Speaker, wanted to inform the Hon. member that you are the one as the Speaker, who has given the Hon. Member chance to invite us to attend the thanksgiving mass.

The Speaker: Thank you for protecting for protecting Hon. Katumbi and of course I am guided by Standing Order No. 1, Hon. Mwandia, which gives me the discretion to ask any member to address any issue. So, Hon. Frida was in order. Hon. Ciambutra *tuambie kitu kuhusu hiyo hoja ya ya kuahirisha kikao cha bunge.*

Hon. (Ms.) Ciambutra: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Maoni yangu ni kuwa wale wote wamenena wamesema mambo mazuri kwa sababu tuko huru kusema yanayotukabili. Ama sivyo? Kwa hivyo wacha nitie kikomo. Asante.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Asante sana Mhesh. Asante sana Mhesh. Ciambtura, Mhesh. Zack, Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti na Makadirio ya Fedha amefurahi sana. Waziri Bakari kisha Mhesh. Kyalo Kimuli.

Hon. Waziri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir for giving me this opportunity to support the adjournment of the House. I think the House can confirm and it is very wide open that from what we have observed from Hon. Hussein Mwandia from Ikutha Ward, we need a lot of training. This is because the temperatures were almost rising up. What I can urge my colleagues please now that we have congratulated the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk and also the House Business Committee for coming up with this idea that as the house and from what we have been doing, we need a lot of training. My prayer is please let us take all the opportunity we have and attend all the classes we will be having wherever they might be whether in Mwingi, Mutomo or

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Mombasa and let us learn a lot so that we shall not be having blame game when we will be back here again for normal duties. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya): Thank you. Hon. Kyalo Kimuli, Hon. Kasungi and then Hon. Katumbi.

Hon. Kimuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the motion of adjourning the Assembly reason being that if you want to do something good, you need to prepare for it. So it is good, that we go for training to prepare ourselves to come here and do the necessary for example, we are waiting for the Supplementary Budget. Secondly, I know from us, those who were placed to the Budget Committee, we are all green. So, we need time to discuss and to be trained more about how it is done. So, I support and I thank whoever came with that proposal. And if I may say, he or she will go to heaven. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kasungi, Member for Waita Ward.

Hon. Kasungi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am happy today that I have caught your eye. I don't like contributing much but I want to listen to my fellow colleagues. But the issue of adjournment of the sittings is very positive. I say thanks Hon. Member for Kitui Township., You have realized that our pockets are empty again...

The Speaker: Order Hon. Member! You are out of order!

Hon. Kasungi: I know when we leave the Assembly for our training at least we wouldn't come back here crying again. What I want to advise the Hon. Members is that if you go for those trainings because we have actually some fights within ourselves, some of us want to be placed in several different committees while others don't have, please and kindly go train yourself. Then come and practice what you have been trained. We want to deliver positively want to help the Governor deliver. We want to raise the standard of the Assembly. So just not focus about the money we earn from the committees but on the service delivery. My question and I don't know, it is a point of information or point of concern. Since we are going for our trainings, and already like myself, I don't know, I don't have any committee. Are we going to be trained collectively or generally for all committees or we are going to be trained for a specific committee? Like for example, Labour and Social Welfare Committee, are we going to be divided in several committees according to where you belong, or it will be a collective training of all committees? I rest my case.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kasungi. I sure am those details will be issued by the Office of the Clerk. Thank you for your input. Hon. Katumbi, then Hon. Bernard Munyasya.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the procedural motion on an adjournment of the County Assembly. We have seen the fruits of the past training, which you took us to Mombasa. Mr. Speaker, if it were not for that past training, we could not have done anything. So I support it. The only concern because we are going for the Committees training different committees, and maybe many of us will be slotted to different committees, can the slotted days can be increased from 7 to 10? I think the training could do favour to us. With those remarks, Mr. Speaker, I support and request for more trainings in future.

The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya): Thank you. Thank you, Hon. Katumbi. I am sure the Office of the Clerk has noted your concerns. Hon. Benard Munyasya.

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Hon. Munyasya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the procedural motion. As you can see, and also you can learn from the chair you are seated that we need more trainings. I want to agree with my friend Hon. Mwandia that this House needs more training and caution my colleague Hon. members that whenever we are contributing here let us not forget there is someone up there (The Hansard) who is putting everything we are saying on record. For example, I want to dispute what my friend Kasungi has said. The training has nothing to do with our pockets. So, I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Honourable Members. I think the motion has been unanimously supported from my observation. Let us now stand so that we adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable members the House stands adjourned until Tuesday November 15th, 2022 at 9:00 am.

The House rose at 4:55 p. m.