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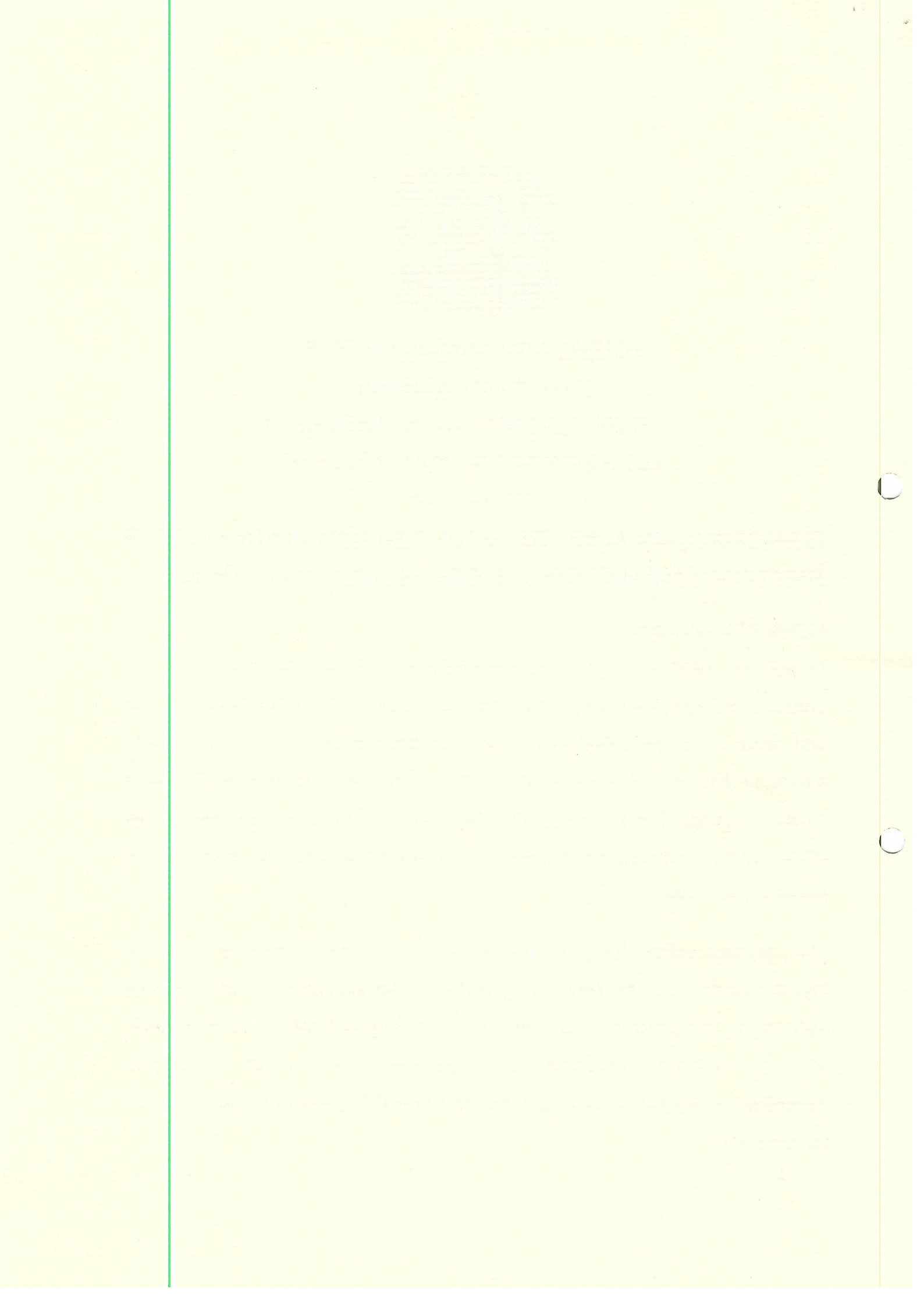
NO. 4 of 2025

**COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OFFICE BLOCK AND MCAs' WARD OFFICES.**

Honourable Members,

As you are all aware, extensive consultations and deliberations have been undertaken regarding the construction of a modern administration block that will serve as a dedicated workspace for both Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) and the Assembly Service. The vision behind this project is to provide a state-of-the-art facility that will not only enhance operational efficiency but also create a dignified and professional working environment for all stakeholders.

The proposed office block is estimated to cost Kshs. 250 million, a significant investment towards the long-term growth and sustainability of our legislative institution. This project is not just a construction initiative - it is a strategic commitment to strengthening the institutional framework of the County Assembly, improving service delivery, and upholding the principles of good governance.



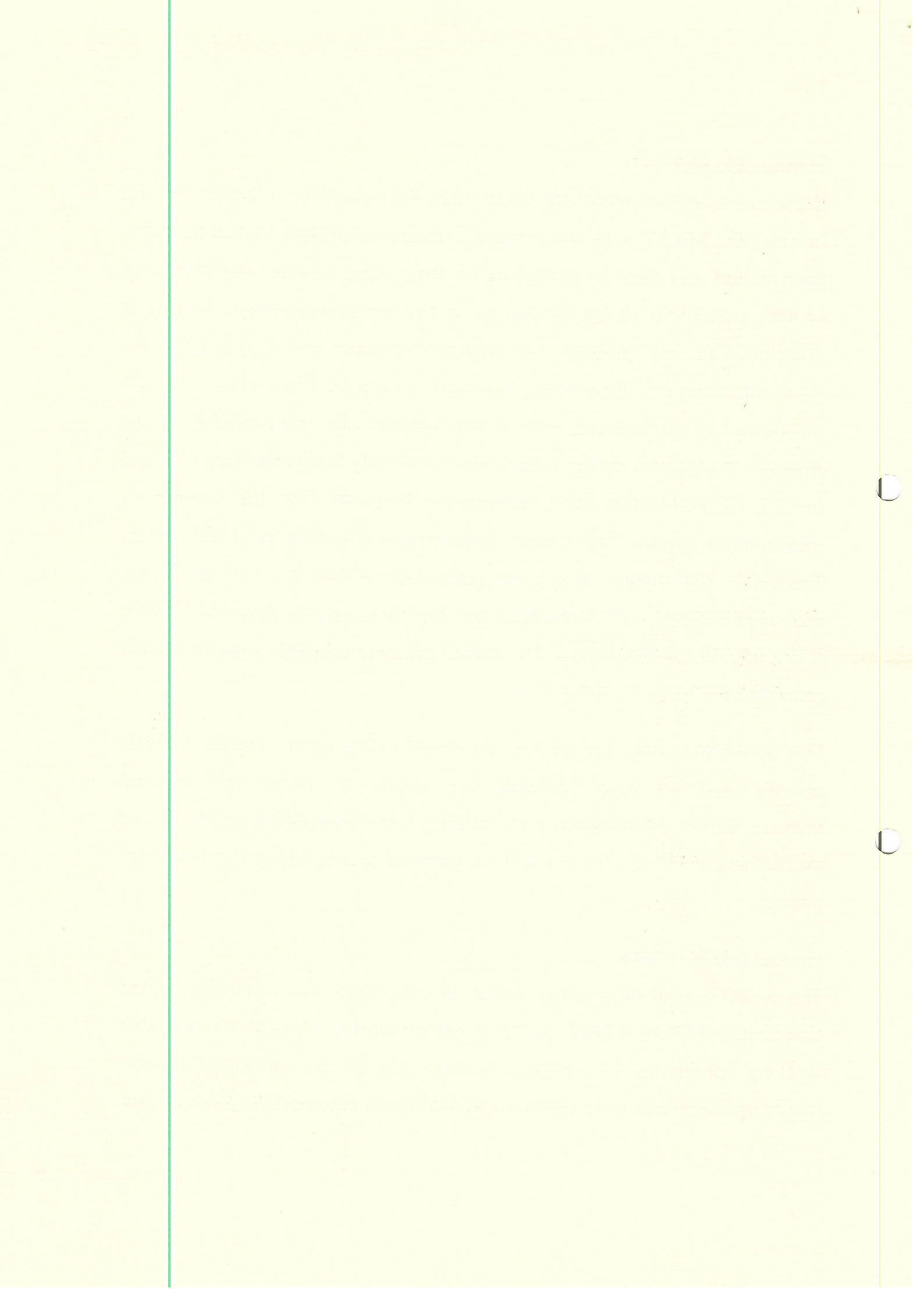
Honourable Members,

In the approved budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, a total allocation of Kshs. 190,558,553 was earmarked for this critical project. Out of this Kshs. 26.2 million was spent to partly pay for the designs leaving unpaid balance of Kshs. 8,972,950.58 for the designs. In the first supplementary budget of 2024/2025 FY, the Assembly was expected to revote Kshs. 164,358,553 for the construction of Office Block. However, as you may be aware, Kshs. 100 million out of this revoted amount was subsequently reallocated from the Assembly budget during the Kitui County Assembly Supplementary I Budget for the FY 2024/2025. This reallocation followed H.E. the Governor's memorandum on the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025. This implies that there is an approved allocation of Kshs. 64, 358, 553 in the approved budget for FY 2024/2025 and there is a pending payment of Kshs. 8,972,950.58 for the designs. This means the only available amount for the office block is Kshs. 55,385,602.42

This notwithstanding, the modern Assembly Office Block remains our top priority, and we must redouble our efforts to ensure its successful implementation. Securing adequate funding, fostering political goodwill, and maintaining unity of purpose will be essential in advancing this landmark project.

Honourable Members,

The importance of this project cannot be overstated. Article 41(2)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, guarantees every worker the right to reasonable working conditions. In addition, Section 6(2) of the same Constitution mandates the employer to provide and maintain a safe working environment



- one that is free from health risks and equipped with adequate facilities for employee welfare.

Currently, Members of the County Assembly, Assembly Service staff, and Ward staff operate in inadequate and congested workspaces that do not meet these constitutional and legal standards. The existing conditions hinder productivity, compromise service delivery, and undermine the dignity of those entrusted with serving the people of Kitui. Section 48 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007, further underscores the necessity of providing proper working conditions, making it imperative that we prioritize this development agenda.

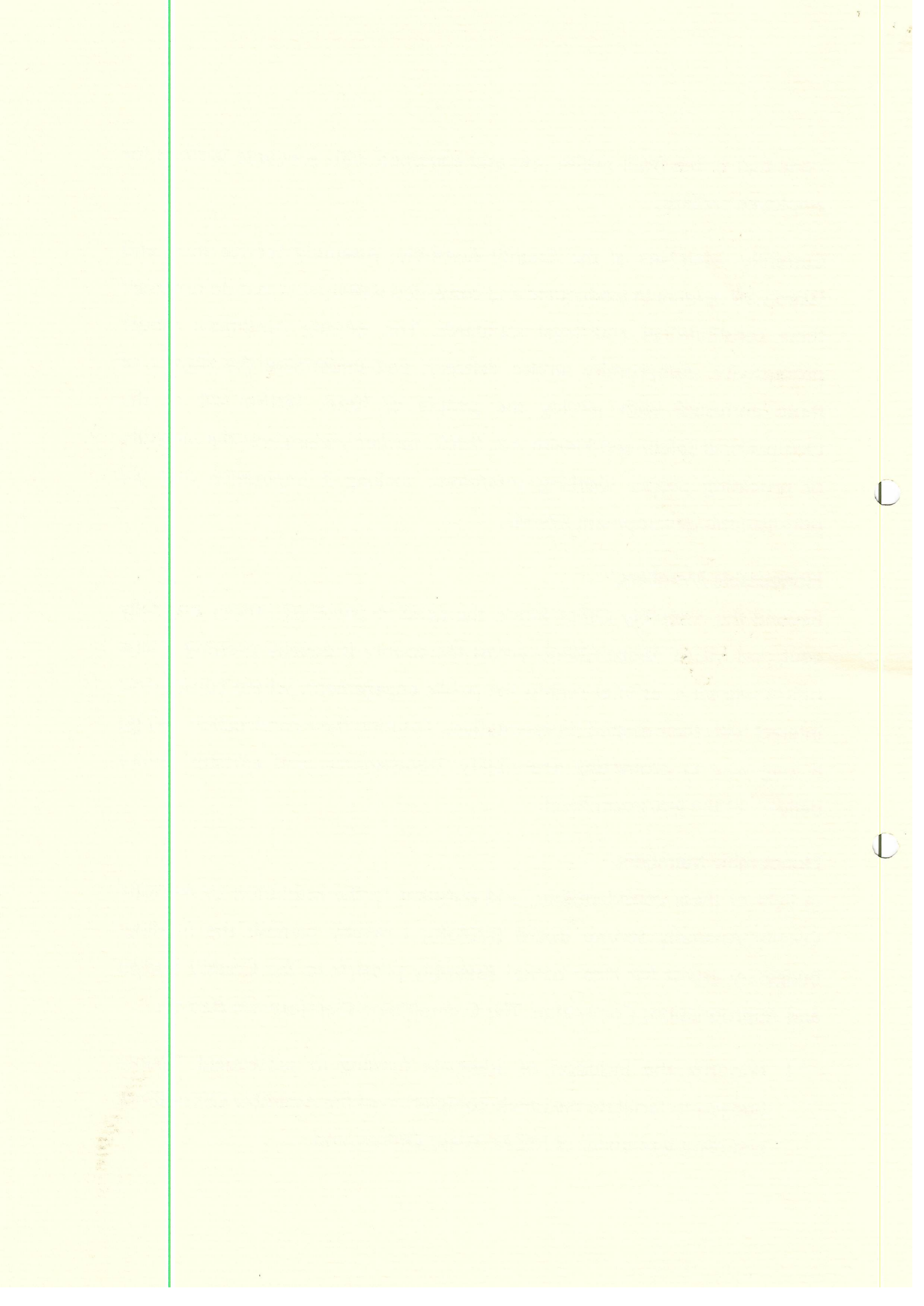
Honourable Members,

Beyond the Assembly Office Block, the need to construct proper and fully equipped MCAs' Ward Offices across the county is equally pressing. These offices will serve as vital centers for public engagement, where constituents interact with their elected representatives. Ensuring their construction will go a long way in promoting accessibility, transparency, and efficient service delivery at the grassroots level.

Honourable Members,

In light of these considerations, and pursuant to the resolution of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board (KCASB), I hereby commit the funding/budgetary aspect for these critical Assembly projects to the County Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Committee is therefore directed to:

1. Prioritize the inclusion of adequate funding in subsequent County budgets to facilitate the timely completion of the Assembly Office Block and commencement of MCAs' Ward Offices; and



2. Engage relevant stakeholders to explore possible funding mechanisms, including phased implementation strategies, to ensure financial sustainability.

Honourable Members,

As an Assembly, we have the collective responsibility to ensure that this legacy project is not only realized but also executed in a manner that upholds fiscal discipline and delivers lasting value to the people of Kitui. The journey ahead requires dedication, collaboration, and strategic decision-making, but with our collective resolve, I am confident that we will see this vision materialize.

Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing the development of this institution, fostering a conducive working environment, and ultimately enhancing the quality of representation and service delivery to the people we serve.

Thank you.



HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA
SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.
Wednesday, 12th February, 2024.

