

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION) COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NO. 3 of 2025

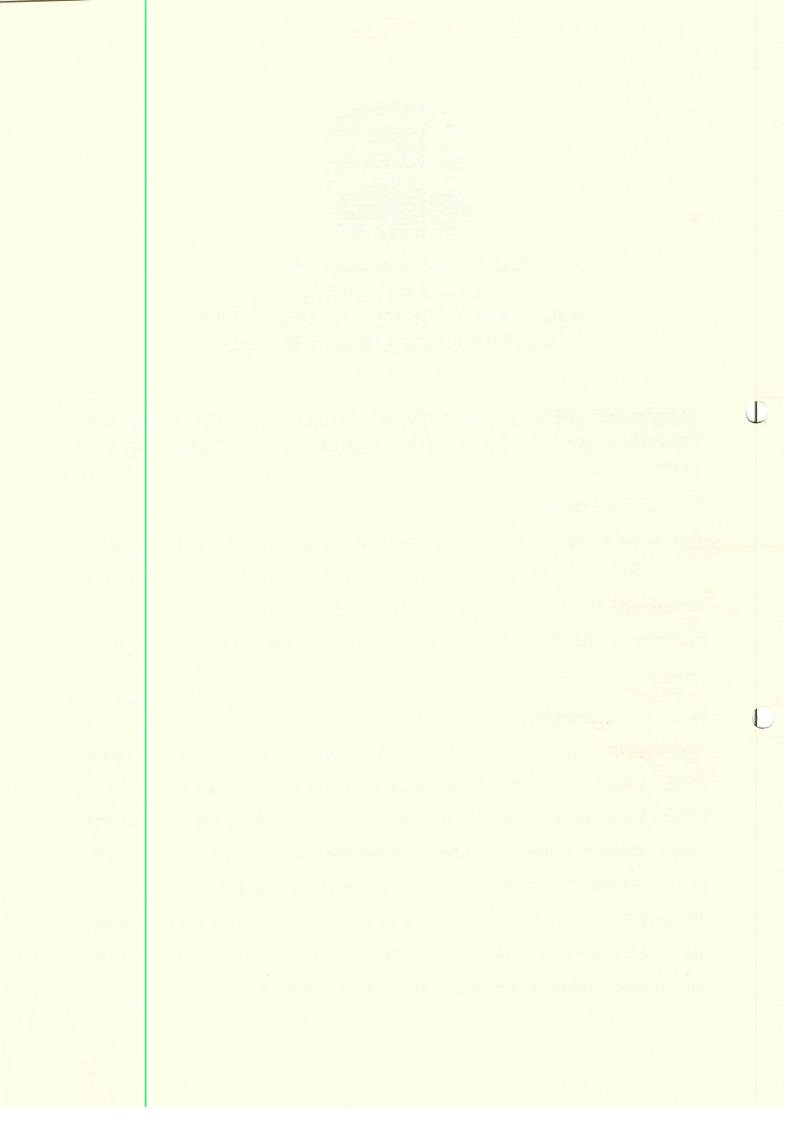
COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO FOLLOW UP ON LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MCAS WARD OFFICES AND DESIGNS FOR THE SAME.

Honourable Members,

As you are all aware, the County Assembly recognized the need to establish Ward Offices for Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) to enhance accessibility and service delivery to the residents of Kitui County and thus resolved to identify and secure suitable land for the construction of these offices.

Honourable Members,

Informed by this shared vision, the Kitui County Assembly Service Board (KCASB) has been following up on the implementation of the MCAs Ward Offices by ensuring budgetary allocations for undertaking the same in the County budgets. Currently, under the Assembly budget, there is an allocation of Kshs. 33,042,008 to start the construction of these Ward offices. Further, the Assembly ensured an allocation of Kshs. 7.4 million under the budget for the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development for the purchase of land in Wards where public land is not readily available.



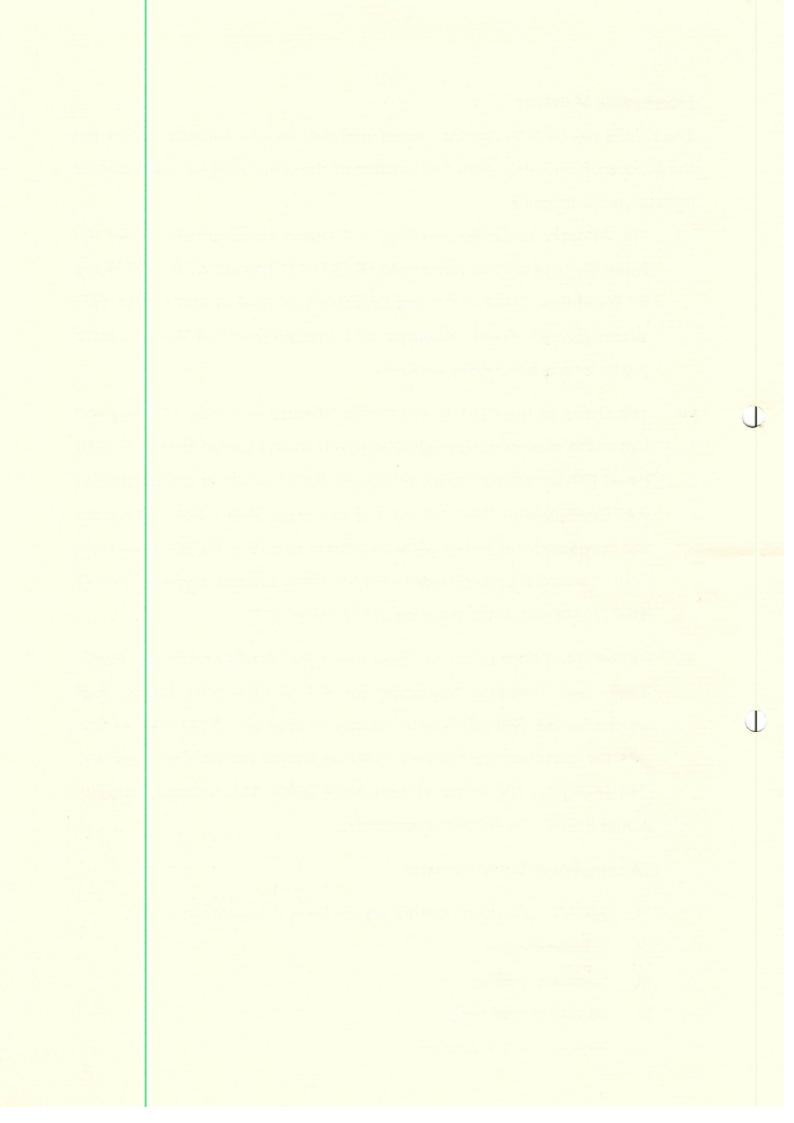
Honourable Members.

The KCASB has been in constant touch with the relevant Ministries to hasten the process of land allocation and availing of the office designs, and I wish to update you as follows:

- i. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development wrote the Assembly vide a letter referenced CG/KTI/CECM/MUN/31(A)/61 dated 3rd December, 2024, indicating availability of land in thirty-seven (37) Wards save for Kivou, Mulango, and Kyangwithya East Wards, where public land is not readily available.
- ii. The Office of the Clerk wrote to the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development through a letter referenced CAK/4/II/VOL.IV (40) dated 18th December, 2024, requesting for initiation in preparation of Part Development Plans (PDPs) and surveying (installation of beacons and preparation of survey plans) necessary to enable the National Land Commission (NLC) to proceed with the titling process, and a follow-up letter on the same was done on 21st January, 2025.
- iii. Further, the Office of the Clerk wrote to the Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Transport requesting for Bill of Quantities (BoQs) and designs for the Ward Offices to occupy an area of 0.5 hectares, in line with the specifications outlined in the approved Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the Financial Year 2024/2025. The proposed designs should include the following amenities:

(a) A complete office block with: -

- i. MCA's main office (with a wardrobe and a washroom)
- ii. A boardroom
- iii. Secretary's office.
- iv. Ward assistant office
- v. Personal assistant office



- vi. Messenger room
- vii. Store and kitchenette.
- (b) A waiting lobby (gazebo)
- (c) Outside washrooms.
- (d) Cabro-paved compound measuring 100 by 100 feet for parking
- (e) A chain-link perimeter fence
- (f) A gate and a signboard.

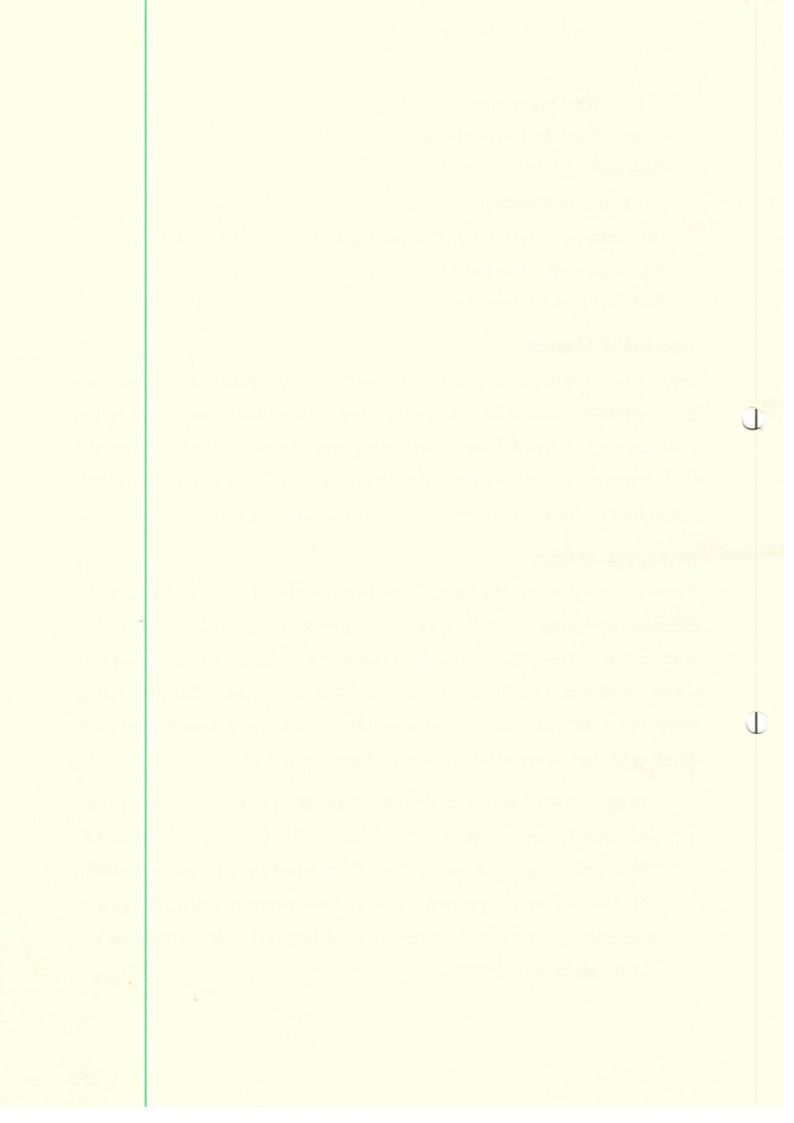
Honourable Members,

Since then, the Assembly has not received any update from the two aforementioned Ministries. Informed by the series of events as indicated and the need for constant follow-up and engagement with the line Ministries, the KCASB resolved that the matter should be referred to the County Assembly Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development.

Honourable Members,

Therefore, pursuant to the Board's resolution and informed by the need to expedite the matter, I hereby commit the project on construction of MCAs Ward offices to the County Assembly Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development in line with their mandate as envisaged under Standing Order No. 190(5) and the Second Schedule of the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Orders. Specifically, the Committee is directed to:

1. Engage the Ministry of Lands and Urban Development to facilitate the identification and acquisition of land for the construction of MCAs' Ward Offices across all wards. The Committee should follow up with the Ministry to ensure that the Part Development Plans (PDPs) are prepared and surveying (installation of beacons and preparation of survey plans) is undertaken.



- 2. Engage the Ministry of Lands and Urban Development to initiate the purchase of land in Kivou, Mulango, and Kyangwithya East Wards, where public land is not readily available.
- 3. Follow up with the County Department of Roads and Public Works to ensure that the architectural and structural designs for the Ward Offices are availed with their corresponding Bill of Quantities (BoQs) for necessary planning and implementation.
- 4. Provide periodic updates to the Assembly on the progress made in addressing these matters. The Committee should treat this matter with the urgency it deserves to ensure the timely realization of this important initiative.

Thank you.

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

