REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 13th October, 2026

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.14 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell ring for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for eight minutes)

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Good morning, Hon. Speaker, I can see we have the quorum. The only problem is that we are all seated on one side. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if indeed we do have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed the achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have quorum, we will proceed with the business of the House. Can the bell stop ringing now? Thank you.

PAPER LAID

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON COUNTY ROADS IN IGWAMITI WARD

Hon. Simon Kanyutu thru' Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers on behalf of Hon. Simon Kanyutu;

Report on the oversight visit to county roads in Igwamiti ward by the Transport and Public Works Committee dated 7th August, 2026.

(Hon. Salim Edung laid the paper on the Table of the House)

NOTICE OF MOTION

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON COUNTY ROADS IN IGWAMITI WARD

Hon. Simon Kanyutu thru' Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the oversight visit to county roads in Igwamiti ward by the Transport and Public Works Committee dated 7th August, 2026.

MOTION

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON COUNTY ROADS IN IGWAMITI WARD

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Hon. Simon Kanyutu thru' Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the oversight visit to county roads in Igwamiti Ward by the Transport and Public Works Committee dated 7th August, 2026.

Bwana Spika, ninashukuru kwa mjadala wa leo kwa sababu katika Kaunti zetu barabara nyingi zimetengenezwa na Bunge la Laikipia. Tunahitaji hizi barabara zingine ambazo hazijatengenezwa kwanzia mwaka uliopita. Tunahitaji ziangaliwe katika bajeti ambayo tulipitisha ili hizo barabara zitengenezwe.

Hii kamati ambayo walizunguka barabara za kaunti, kuna wodi zingine ambazo waliangalia na zingine hawakuangalia. Ninaomba Bunge hili waangalie wodi zingine ili tuwe na usawa katika Bunge hili. Nashukuru mjadala wa leo kwa sababu bila kuleta mjadala kama huu katika Bunge hili hatuwezi jua kana kwamba kuna kazi ambayo inafanyika ama haifanyiki.

Ninashukuru kamati na ninapeana kongole kwa kamati kwa sababu kuna kazi wanafanya. Kazi ya uangalizi ni kuangalia ni kazi gani ambayo imefanyika na ni kazi gani ambayo haijafanyika ili tulete ripoti katika Bunge hili. Ninaomba Bunge hili liwe mfano tukijua ya kwamba kuna kazi ambayo itafanyika. Ninaomba naibu Spika aunge mjadala huu mkono. Asante.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and my colleague, Hon. Salim for giving me this opportunity to second on the same. I am supporting it because this is good work. Mr. Speaker, I wish sometimes we are given time to speak our language that we understand better. Where I come from, there is a saying and I don't know whether I am a real Kikuyu because I happen to not know my father. That is the most conversant language that I know.

There is a saying that goes, *"if you do not travel and you happen to be used to your mother's food, you will never know the taste of other food outside there"*. Yesterday I had a very good time. I finished my chores very early. By 10.00 I was at home and I was scrolling my phone. Hon. Speaker, people might not appreciate what we have but today, I want to appreciate this House. We have a running House and a working Executive. We are far much better than any house you would ever think of.

Mr. Speaker, all those who have been enlightened and they would like to do the research, they can google during their own time to see what is going on in Nakuru County Assembly. It was a shame that the CECM for Nakuru County does not know his CO leave alone the director and the engineers. You can imagine MCA's crying because they cannot account for finances of one year in one department which is Infrastructure.

Even the famous MCA who is our champion, Wamaria cannot account for Kshs.30 million that he budgeted for in his ward. Nothing is done. That government is in the public domain and I am protected in this House; it had fixtures that are not working that are called G to G (Government to Government); the NYS and Nakuru County Government lists the materials then work in Nakuru is done.

Mr. Speaker, they cannot account for it. When we come to this House, Igwamiti being the biggest ward, we can see that something is done. I can tell you the previous government were very good in doing leasing but they did not do bridges and culverts. I do not want to talk much but it is not something to write about.

I want to appreciate the Infrastructure Department because whatever is here Mr. Speaker, it is something tangible and it is something that can be seen. Not only that, we have

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one of the best wards here, Umande is almost doing the same and even Nanyuki. I don't want to beat my own drum but I can proudly say even after this and I believe that I'm going to be given the second opportunity of serving my people, I can walk high. We have done something that has never been done.

Even today we are saying that people should not vote and we should count the kilometres that we have done and the culverts we have done. It is superb Mr. Speaker. I cannot even talk of Tigithi. The Hon. MCA who is here and I want to tell him I have my lunch, I have my food so when I am talking of this, don't think I'm trying to bribe you. I am saying what is there. He has done well, he has used his leased money of his own government, not government to government and I can proudly say Laikipia when it comes to infrastructure, we have done more than expected.

Talking of that, I have seen even the Hon. Member from Olmoran. I have also been receiving good reports from him that he has done tremendously well when it comes to infrastructure. So, I want to encourage them and I want to urge this House to adopt this it. It is genuine, it is tangible and it is something that can be proven beyond any reasonable doubt. It is in Igwamiti and in all wards. It is something that can be seen and even now as we are approaching the El Nino, I can say we are half prepared.

The only thing that is in remaining Mr. Speaker, is something that is manageable. I want to encourage the Hon. Members, they should not relent, they should not relax the remaining budget that we have we should be used prudently. When we have a working infrastructure and especially on the road networking, it means that we have a working economy. It means that reaching our hospitals will become easier. It means that getting our farm production to markets will become easier. It means even economically, generally people will start the urban-rural migration, because we have congestion in town.

People earlier said they cannot build in Nturukuma, Umande and Mirera because there was no road network. Now we have working roads and well maintained. Just to say in this House Mr. Speaker before we came, the other government used to work on this until we came here. We have a water rig that is working for NAWASCO courtesy of Nanyuki and Thingithu wards combined. We have a whole set of two graders, we have a new roller, we have a whole fleet of Lorries and so on.

If I was to start listing them name by name, then we are going to spend a whole day here speaking of good works that we have been doing. I want this to be captured in HANSARD on the things that we are doing. I also want others that are in this House to also work beyond our borders and beyond our counties and go for benchmarking in other areas. I have a burial that I'm preparing here and I'm also the chairman in the neighbouring ward. They were asking me if maybe I can go and vie there because the sister that we are burying came from my area of Likii. So we are traversing each and every day from Likii to Ichuga.

They cannot compare; they are two different worlds Mr. Speaker. So, I want us to appreciate and encourage ourselves even as we are going to campaigns. Let us speak what we have done and believe God that he is going to reward the good work we have been doing because the Bible says the good work is going to be rewarded. Thank you, I support and I ask the House to support the same.

Speaker: Hon. Members I open the floor for those Members who may wish to contribute to this motion.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving this opportunity to support this motion and respond to it. I am a Member of the Transport committee and it is always good to have a periodical inspection of our roads as a House, so that we can know and understand how things are working across all wards within our county. This being Igwamiti Ward, it shows that the Member of the respective ward has done a tremendous job in matters of infrastructure and construction of roads.

It is always a duty to serve our people because we did promise to serve our people and to build habitable roads within our wards that shows something good has been done. We have a number of roads here and it is quite a good number; around 10 projects that are inspected. According to the committee's observation Mr. Speaker, we are saying that the contract roads are better constructed than the leased ones and this is an observation that has been done by the committee because we did inspect the leased roads that were constructed by the leased equipment's.

We did inspect the roads that were done by the contractors and there is a variance between the two. It shows the workmanship, we need to pull up their socks as a Department of Infrastructure in matters of construction of leased programme roads, because we need to do them as per the set standard so that we can attain the width of the said road, because our contractors do attain the minimum width for our roads. As a department, we also have been using our machines. We should also achieve that so that our electorates can get the best out of the taxes.

As we do roads with the leasing programme, there is no provision for bush clearing and as a department we need to up our game so that we can have some funds set aside for bush clearing within the leasing programme projects. That way, we can attain better roads which are clear without vegetation around and so that we can attain the minimum width on our roads.

On matters of survey work, we can be able to position a road where it is supposed to be within our locality. So, there is a matter that has been a challenge within the leasing programme because it is almost not provided for and we need cooperation between the department of planning and department of roads. We can have surveyors map out our roads within our localities before we start on grading and gravelling. It is a hefty role having done a road and then there is a complaint of being told to move the road or relocate it to the right place.

So, we don't want to lose funds or maybe misuse the taxpayer's funds whereas we have a functional department of planning that can achieve whatever needs to be achieved within the surveying of our roads. So, those are some of the observations that we made as a committee and these are the observations that should be forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure so that it can up their game, so they can serve our people right. Thank you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to air my views. I want to thank the Committee of Transport and Public Works for this important report. As we all know, the El Nino is just here with us and we have seen that the roads have been done. It is unfortunate that even if the roads are being done, we are not considering the drainage system because even if you put a lot of money to do the roads, bring the grader and the roller and you forget to put those drainage systems, it like you are doing nothing Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, we need to consider those drainage systems. We need to put culverts and gabions. If I can remember, last year there was a very heavy rain and some of the houses at Likii village were carried by the water and their properties. Every department and especially the County Commissioner and the policemen and all the people who were concerned went to Likii to sympathise with our people. But after that Mr. Speaker, they did nothing.

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It is a challenge to all of us that they need to consider what to do at this moment. We need gabions to prevent those houses from being carried again because doing roads is okay but you need to know what measures and mitigations that are supposed to put. Therefore, I am urging our Members when they are allocating funds, they need to consider the money for disaster to be put in the budget.

Therefore, when they put the disaster management money or the emergency fund, when we have those kind of disasters or those incidences, they will be able to handle that issue. I support and I support the committee but they need also to consider the allocation of emergency funds Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Veronica. Reading the mood, I will now invite the mover of the motion to reply. Thank you.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika. Tunashukuru kwa mjadala kwa sababu tumeona ya kwamba kuna kazi ambayo imefanyika na kazi ikifanyika ni vizuri tutambue ya kwamba kuna kazi ambayo imefanyika. Katika upande wa *emergency*, kila bajeti huwa na pesa za *emergency* na hizo pesa lazima zifanye kazi kwa sababu tunahitaji hizo pesa kwa *culverts* na mitaro iweze kutumika kwa hiyo kazi.

Naunga mkono na pia nashukuru wale wote ambao wamechangia na wale ambao wameunga mkono kwa sababu kuna kazi ambayo imefanyika. Ningepeana huu ujumbe kwako Bwana Spika, ya kwamba zile wadi ambazo hazijaangaliwa ni vizuri ziangaliwe ili tupate ripoti za ile kazi ambayo imefanyika. Tunahitaji tufanye kazi kwa umoja vile Naibu Spika amesema. Wananchi wa Laikipia pamoja na sisi wajumbe tunaona ya kwamba tumefanya kazi kuliko Bunge ambalo lililopita kwa sababu tumefanya kazi maradufu. Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, the 13th of October, 2026 at 2 30 p.m.

The House rose at 10: 46 a.m.

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