REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 10th December, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.11 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

NANYUKI BUS PARK STALLS, MUTANGA MARKET STALLS AND RUMURUTI STALLS OVERSIGHT VISIT

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion.

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on oversight visit to Nanyuki Bus park stalls, Mutanga market stalls and Rumuruti stalls by the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee dated 11th November, 2025.

Preface

This report is an outcome of an oversight visit on stalls at Nanyuki bus park in Nanyuki Ward, Mutanga market stalls in Marmanet Ward and Rumuruti stalls in Rumuruti Ward. The committee embarked on an oversight visit between 15th October to 19th October, 2025. The purpose of the oversight visit was to check the stalls' infrastructural development with an aim of improving the business environment and promote enterprise development. This will in turn help to bring more revenue in the County with an overall impact of increase in wealth and job opportunities. The report will highlight the mandate of the committee, the observations and recommendations given by the committee.

Committee's Mandate

Under Standing Order No. 191 (5) (e), this committee is permitted to investigate, inquire into, and report all matters relating to its mandate, functions of the County Government, in regard to trade, tourism and entrepreneur development. The mandate of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee shall be as follows:

i. Trade development and regulation including the markets;

ii. Trade licenses;

iii. Fair trading practices; and

iv. Local tourism and cooperative societies.

Committee Membership

The committee was constituted by the House on 26th October, 2022 comprising of the following Members:

1. Hon. Catherine Kibue - Chairperson

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2.	Hon. Moile Eunice Salaten	-	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Hon. Antony Theuri Wambui	-	Member
4.	Hon. Simon Kanyutu	-	Member
5.	Hon. Stephen Ndiritu	-	Member
6.	Hon. Veronica Ikunyua	-	Member
7.	Hon. Dennis Kaniaru	-	Member

Oversight Visit

1. Nanyuki Stalls

These stalls are located at Nanyuki main stage. During the oversight visit, majority of the stalls were operational. The 20 newly constructed stalls were completed in the last regime but were allocated to traders in the last financial year. The old ones are 126 and the owners pay a monthly rent of Kshs. 1,500 plus the single business permit annual fee. However, not all traders pay rent. The traders who had paid around Kshs. 120,000 for their stalls to be reconstructed by the county government are currently not paying rent until this money is fully utilized as rent. The wooden stalls which are yet to be reconstructed are about 40.

2. Rumuruti Stalls

The stalls are located at Rumuruti town. There are 22 stalls which stalled due to financial crisis but there are plans to factor them in the next supplementary budget. The committee observed that there is a public sanitation facility that was funded by the county government and it is operational.

Observations

The committee observed that:

i. Some stall owners pay the single business permit fee and a monthly rent of Kshs. 1,500.

ii. There are stall owners who had paid the initial amount of Kshs. 120,000 and Kshs. 2,000 for registration.

iii. The committee was informed that the allocation of the stalls was not fairly done and quite a number missed though they had paid.

iv. The executive staff clean the bus park and outside the stall often.

v. The sanitation block at the stage is not adequate for all the traders and more toilets are required. The toilet is run from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and this encourages people to use the bus park as an alternative.

vi. There is no water tank for daily use and majority of the traders buy water from the nearby hotels.

vii. There is currently no garbage bin and traders are forced to throw the rubbish on the ground at a particular place. The garbage is collected after some days.

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viii. The committee was informed that the garbage bin was removed after the traders realized that people used it as a shield to urinate at the area even during day time.

ix. The flood light at the stage is only one and times is not functional and is not adequate for all the traders.

x. People urinate beneath the flood light instead of using the toilet that is within the stage. It was noted that some people do not want to pay Kshs 10 to use the toilet.

xi. The committee was informed that there are a number of street children who converge at a particular place between the stalls which they refer to as the 'the base'. They are a threat to the traders as well as the customers especially when it gets dark. They are said to have snatched mobile phones from unsuspecting people.

xii. There is need for the county government to enhance fair trade by ensuring that all traders pay the requisite permit fee for the stalls since some hold on to a cited case in court.

xiii. The stalls in Rumuruti have stuck.

xiv. The drainage in Rumuruti near the stalls is very poor. In Mutanga, the sanitation block sank and the traders look for other toilets far from the market.

Recommendations

i. That there is need for the County Executive to engage with traders at the Nanyuki bus park to ensure that business permits are paid by all the concerned.

ii. The Trade Committee to be funded adequately to enable the Members to continuously do oversight in county projects.

iii. Budget to be allocated to construct the incomplete stalls and improve the environment within and around the stalls.

iv. Budget to be allocated to construct a toilet at Mutanga to ensure that the traders are comfortable as they transact business.

v. The county government should allocate funds to complete the second phase of installing cabros at the main stage in Nanyuki to make the stalls more accessible especially during the rainy season.

vi. Funds need to be allocated in the budget for construction of the wooden stalls since they currently look dilapidated.

vii. There is need to add more dustbins at Nanyuki bus park and collect the garbage often.

viii. That the House adopts the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee's report.

Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Trade Committee, I wish to extend my gratitude to Members of this House for the support that they have accorded to the committee. I wish to

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acknowledge the Members of the committee for their zeal and commitment as we embarked on this work.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank your Office and that of the Clerk for the support that you have always accorded us. Lastly, Sir, on behalf of the Trade Committee, allow me to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

Mr. Speaker, since I have taken the Members and this House through this report, I want to call upon my able Member, who is always active and vibrant in this committee, Hon. Stephen Kamau to second this report. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen Kamau, active Member?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuuafiki huu mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Catherine Nyokabi. Namshukuru kwa kunipa hongera, nawe vilevile umeungana naye. Kwanza, nataka kumshukuru Mwenyekiti kwa sababu amekuwa mwenye busara katika hii kamati. Tumeweza kukabiliana na kazi yoyote ambayo imekuja mbele yetu na kuifanya kwa utaratibu, kwa mujibu wa sheria, na kuhakikisha kuwa mambo yote yaliyo mbele ya kamati; Mwenyekiti, Mheshimiwa Kibue, anatupeleka inavyostahili. Namshukuru, na ashikilie papo hapo kwa sababu, kama kamati, kazi yetu ni kuhakikisha kwamba tumefanya kazi na kutoa ripoti ya chochote tunachokifanya katika Bunge.

Bwana Spika, vile Mheshimiwa Catherine ameelezea ni kwamba tumeangalia soko la Mutanga, Rumuruti na Nanyuki Bus Park *stalls*. Hizi duka za Nanyuki Bus Park mingi ni za serikali. Ni jukumu la wakilishi wa wadi kuhakikisha pesa ambazo zimetumika na serikali katika upande wa utekelezaji tumeangalia na kuona kwa hizi duka zimetengenezwa kwa njia ambayo inafaa.

Katika mapendekezo ni kwamba Serikali Tekelezi iongee mara kwa mara na wale wanaofanya kazi kwa hizo vibanda. Vilevile, wahakikishe zile duka zimelipiwa kwa wakati unaofaa na ndio tupate ushuru wa kufanyia kazi inayofaa. Naunga mkono na nauliza wajumbe waone umuhimu wa kupitisha ndio tuifanyie kazi mahali kuna dosari. Haya ni mambo ambayo inafaa ishughulikiwe.

Bwana Spika, katika Bunge hili tumejitolea kufanya kazi kwa sababu tulipewa mamlaka na raia ambao waliamka mapema kutupigia kura. Siku ya leo tunafaa kuwa likizo lakini bado tuko hapa kuhakikisha tunafanya kazi. Hatutaki kuona pesa ya umma imepotea.

Bwana Spika, nauliza Bunge hili lingekubaliana tuweze kurudisha mkono kwa kufanyia wanjiku kazi. Tulichaguliwa na wananchi wakiwa na imani tutawafanyia kazi. Ni vyema wakati mtu akikupa nafasi umfanyie kazi, pia wewe ujitolee ndio ufanye kazi ya ziada. Naomba Bunge hili liendelee hadi wakati wa siku kuu. Yesu atazaliwa siku moja, tusherehekee na kisha turudi hapa. Hamna haja twende nyumbani bila kazi. Tukae hapa tuhakikishe mwananchi anafanyiwa kazi. Kwa hayo, naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for this opportunity. I rise to support the adoption of the report by the Trade Committee. On the market stalls in Nanyuki, Mutanga and the different area of Rumuruti that has been mentioned.

Hon. Speaker, you realise that Trade is very important. Trade reduces the cost of products, improves economic growth, and reduces poverty levels and also ensures that there is a meeting point between the producer and the consumer of the products. It is therefore very important that this House oversights the distribution of this important activity, in Laikipia

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County, and namely in the town that has been mentioned by the Chairperson of the Trade Committee.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to support the adoption of this report due to the accurateness of the findings that have been stated. I have passed through Mutanga, and I am a witness that there is no public toilet. One that would assist traders that converge there in different days of the week.

Additionally, Hon. Speaker, there are the stalls that have been mentioned in Rumuruti. The Chairperson of the Trade Committee is telling us, that we do not have adequate lighting. This cuts across the board, where some of our centres in Laikipia County, do not have enough lighting limiting the number of hours that people can do trade. Allow me to extrapolate this discussion to Githiga Ward, where we have a centre called Tandare. Where we do not have enough lighting.

We have Matuiku that is very familiar with Hon. Karuiru, and this centre has no light despite its capability of harnessing a lot of goods and services being traded in that area. I have also heard the issue, of a poor hygiene, whereby, garbage is not collected daily. It is important that this House, oversights over the same, because cleanliness and order, adds us a competitive advantage in the different centres where trade is happening.

Hon. Speaker, as that is happening, we also have other issues where we are being told that there is no order in these kiosks where people will urinate everywhere. That bad stench, is a deterrence to trade, and it impedes the growth of different centres.

Another issue, Honourable Speaker, has been stated, whereby this House needs to budget more, Honourable Speaker, on issues of construction of more market stalls on issues of the construction of lighting facilities and also the introduction of cabros, especially in the Nanyuki Centre which is the epicentre of business in this county.

As I end, Hon. Speaker, I would wish to state that this Committee observes rightly that there is issue of favouritism and unfairness when it comes to allocation of these market stalls. Up to today and I would want to invite the Trade Committee to Githiga Ward, we have market stalls that have not been used where people are being rained on next to the stalls, but they cannot be opened because of bureaucracies of who will launch these projects and other issues that are beyond the control of reason.

Additionally, as I conclude, allow me, because this could be the last session of 2025, to reflect. We have another session, but I'm saying this could be my last submission this year. it is me who is saying, you cannot put words in my mouth and allow me, a little, to reflect, and state that it has been a progressive year, despite the ups and downs. A lot of issues have been passed in this House. I am contented by the fact that Members have been so keen to oversight the projects that follow their wards. We pray for the same coming next year.

As we retreat, because we are almost retreating, or going to recess, we go home to rejuvenate, to recharge, and to re-strategize so that when we are back, we will be apt on issues of oversight. Hon. Speaker, there is some consultation that is preventing me from getting my points correctly…

Deputy Speaker: You are protected, Honourable, you are protected.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. What I was stating is that, just like Hon. Stephen has stated, this Assembly went further to add more time so that we can discuss these important matters. It is because these Members and this House is in full cognisance, that

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whom much has been given, much is required, much is expected and much is needed. I urge this House to continue in the same spirit so that as we continue in the next session, we continue carrying the fire and the flame for the people of Laikipia. I am so much appreciative for the opportunity given to me, and once again I rise to support the adoption of the report. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika na Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Biashara pamoja na kamati yake. Nasema asante sana kwa kuona umuhimu wa kuzunguka kila mahali ambapo palikuwa na shida akianzia na Nanyuki, Rumuruti, Kinamba na kwingineko ambapo vioski vimejengwa.

Nataka kusema ya kwamba tunafanya kazi lakini *Chief Officers* huwa hawaendi mashinani. Tungetaka kuambia Gavana wetu ya kwamba kuna mambo ambayo inaendelea mimi mwenyewe nitampigia simu kwa sababu huwa tunafanya kazi hapa lakini *Chief Officers* huko mashinani kazi yao ni siasa tu.

Ukiingia hapa Nanyuki uone wale ambao wamepewa hizo vioski, hata maji ya kunywa hakuna, choo hauna ilhali wanalipa serikali ya Kaunti. Ningetaka Gavana ajue ya kwamba CECM walinyang'anywa nguvu zao na zikapewa *Chief Officers*. Huwa wakiona MCA's wanawaona kama ni picha. Nikiongea na uniruhusu Bwana Spika, kutaja CO mmoja, kwa mfano CO wa Michezo na Jinsia, CO wa Elimu na CO wa Utendakazi. Kila wakati tukiwa na michezo huwa wanapewa hadi *uniform*. Huwa wanatuita kama wenyeviti wa Elimu na utendakazi pamoja lakini siku hizi huwa hatuitwi wala hatupewi *uniform*.

Kwa hivyo, hapa kuna kasoro na ni lazima tuwache kwenda likizo na kuketi chini ili tujue ni yapi ambayo yanaendelea. Sisi tulipewa kura na wananchi katika wadi kumi na tano na huwa tunapigwa na hatuna nguvu. Nguvu yetu ni kurudi katika Bunge hili, tukae chini na tusiende likizo. Heri tukae hapa tuende katika kila wadi na tujue ni nini ambayo haijafanyika.

Tunakaa kama watu ambao wamefungwa mkono. CO ni mtu ambaye nauliza swali na kunitukana. Sijui na wengine wangapi ambao wanauliza. CO ndiye aliye na nguvu kushinda CECM. Wajumbe, tafadhali wacheni tushikane pamoja ya kwamba tukisema tunaenda Thingithu, wacha twende sote hata kama mimi ni wa Kamati ya Biashara ili tukajue ni kipi ambacho kinaendelea. Tukisema tunaenda kwa kilimo na maji, tunaenda zote tukajue ni nini inaendelea.

Tukianza kulegea hao watu wataona ya kwamba hakuna kazi ambayo tunafanya. Hili Bunge tumeleta mijadala mingi na hatujaona ikitekelezwa. Ukitoka sasa hivi unapata Naibu wa Gavana na gari zetu akienda kufanya siasa. Hiyo hakuna kunyamaza. Kama anataka kura aache kiti cha Naibu wa Gavana ili akatafute kura hata kama ni Wadi ya Igwamiti lakini sio kusumbua wale ambao tayari wamechaguliwa.

Wananchi wa Githiga hawakuwa wajinga wakipea Macharia Gitahi kiti. Watu wa Marmanet hawakuwa wajinga wakati walipea Simon Kanyutu kiti. Watu wa Nanyuki walikuwa na macho wakati waliona Theuri ametosha. Naongea nikiwa na uchungu sana kwa sababu nimetukanwa mara mbili na CO lakini mimi huwa natetea kazi yangu na ni haki yangu. Usifikirie ni mama yao tu ambaye anapigwa, hata kesho kwako itakuwa hivyo. Kama wanashindwa na kazi basi tuite Gavana kama Bunge na tumuambie vile mambo yanaendelea. Kama hatutaleta watu kama wawili hapa na kuwapeleka nyumbani, basi hakuna kitu ambacho tunafanya.

Serikali iliyopita tulikuwa tumeteuliwa tukiwa na Mheshimiwa Nyokabi na tulisumbuliwa na waziri wa elimu ambaye aliyeitwa Tabitha Mbiriri na Lenai na tukawaleta hapa asubuhi na saa nane, walikuwa wameenda nyumbani hadi sasa. Kama hatutafanya hivyo

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basi hakuna kazi ambayo tunafanya kwa hili Bunge. Tuume watu wawili na kazi ifanyike. Imefikia kiwango wakati Mheshimiwa Macharia ameongea na nikahisi ya kwamba tumelegea. Wacheni tusimame kidete na kidete ni kufanyia wanjiku kazi.

Tuko na *specially elected* na wako na bidii sana. Tukienda mashinani wacha tuende ili tujue ni nini ambacho kinaendelea. Huwa tunapewa pesa lakini pesa huwa haifiki kwetu. Bwana Spika, jana kabla sijatoka Nyahururu, isipokuwa ni vile nimewacha hiyo karatasi, kuna watu ambao waliingia ofisi yangu kuniuliza ni kazi gani. Katika *sports*, kuna dawati mia tatu ambazo zimepeanwa na sijaiona kwangu na hiyo karatasi iko kwa gari langu.

Kuna watu wametumwa kutoka Serikali ya Kaunti na mmoja alikuwa anaitwa Kamau. Alikuwa utawala wa Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi. Alikuja kuniambia kazi ambayo ilifanyika na alitaka kuonyeshwa viti mia tatu ziko wapi. Nyinyi hamushtuki. Ukiona hivyo, ni hii yangu imetokea, je! Kwa wale wengine.

Ningetaka kusema kamati imefanya kazi na sasa ni lazima tuamke. Pesa imetoka ilhali sijui na hakuna viti. Ninaulizwa viti ziko wapi. Singesema mahali ziko kwa sababu sijaziona. Sijui hata kama pesa imetoka. Waheshimiwa wote na si wale wameteuliwa. Sisi wote tukiwa ishirini na nne tukae chini na Gavana ili tumwambie ni akina nani. Rudishia waziri nguvu kuliko afisa mkuu. Saa hii afisa wakuu ndio magavana wa Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Kwa hayo mengi na machache, ninaunga mkono na kusema kila mtu afanye kazi yake mahali yupo. Asanteni sana na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a Member of the committee but I am concerned. We decided to go paperless, we are using the gadgets but whatever we have in the paper is not in our gadgets. Mr. Speaker, from page one to page two they are not commencing. I do not know how we are supposed to be using the gadgets. I have to use this paper which has the documents.

Mr. Speaker, in our gadgets, there is no place you can see anything to do with Nanyuki. The page of Nanyuki is not in our gadgets. The other page 6 is not in our gadgets. It is unfortunate and it is only that I got somebody here who is wondering why some people are single who has interrupted my contribution.

Mr. Speaker, this is the report that we made. It is only that with that concern, it is good that in future, let whatever that is in the paper be in our gadgets. Mr. Speaker, I commend the recommendations of the committee because I am a member. During the previous regime, construction of a toilet in Mutanga was awarded and somebody initiated that project but never completed.

Mr. Speaker, it collapsed before completion. To date, the community have been crying for a toilet which has been in vain. Mr. Speaker, we need to push and see to it that it has been done. I congratulate the Hon. Member for Igwamiti because her outcry is happening in all the areas. In your ward, you will get to see there are projects that have been implemented which are not in the budget that have not been allocated yet they have used a lot of money.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak, not unless we find a way of combining forces so that we tackle what has not been allocated in the budget by following to the latter. Mr. Speaker, with that, our role is oversight and I was shocked yesterday when I was asked a question of a project within my area which I am not aware of but I am told it has already been allocated and done. I am sure each and every person has that issue.

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We have to join hands and fight to see that the truth is brought to book. If it is a mode of using our finances illegally, we have to get to the bottom of it. I attest to the Members that whatever the Hon. Member for Igwamiti is stating, I am also a victim of the same. We have to get to the end. If somebody has mismanaged our finances, we have to get to the bottom of it to see that truth is brought to book. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate all the Members who have supported this report. I also want the Members of this House to understand that we have heard all the issues that they have raised. We want to promise them as a Committee of Trade, we are going to visit all wards and we are going to bring all the reports that you have requested us to bring to this House.

Mr. Speaker, I want to call upon the Committee on Implementation to make follow-ups in the Executive. We have been bringing reports to this House yet they are not doing anything. I call upon them and urge the Whole House to plead with the Implementation Committee to make follow-ups of those reports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, before I stand to adjourn this House. I urge you to remain behind after this session.

ADJOURNMNET

Deputy Speaker: This House stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, 10th December, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.46 a.m.

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