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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 AT 2:30 PM

1. The Assembly assembled at Two thirty O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with prayers

3. PAPERS

- ❖ Submission of Mpeketoni Sub-County Level 4 Hospital Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th March 2026.
- ❖ Submission of Witu Sub-County Level 4 Hospital Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th March 2026.
- ❖ Submission of Lamu County Referral Hospital Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th March 2026.
- ❖ Submission of Mokowe Sub-County Hospital Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th March 2026.

(Chair- Health Services)

4. STATEMENTS TO BE REQUESTED

- ❖ Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) Hon Suleiman Mohamed Farah requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services regarding Paediatric Clinic services at Witu Sub-County Hospital.
- ❖ Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) Hon Shekhuna Abbass requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Inter-

governmental, Labour and Public Service regarding increased robbery cases at wiyoni area Mkomani ward.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MORTUARY AT REFERRAL AND SUB-COUNTY HOSPITALS IN LAMU COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

AWARE THAT, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes access to adequate and dignified health facilities and services;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Section 117 of the Public Health Act (Cap. 242) requires that proper facilities be made available for the storage of human remains pending burial or post-mortem examination, and that public health standards be maintained in the handling of deceased persons;

CONCERNED THAT, The referral hospital and some of our Sub-County Hospitals within the County is the primary public health facility serving patients within and outside the county yet it currently has no mortuary facility to preserve and store the bodies of deceased persons;

NOTING THAT, the absence of a mortuary in this referral and Sub-County Hospitals forces bereaved families to transport bodies of their deceased loved ones for a longer distance, a journey that is physically hazardous, financially prohibitive, and emotionally traumatising;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, the transportation of human remains poses serious public health risks, including the potential for contamination and disease transmission, particularly in warm climatic conditions where decomposition is rapid;

CONCERNED THAT, the financial burden of transporting bodies to distant mortuaries places an unbearable strain on already economically vulnerable families in the island communities;

NOTING THAT, the Lamu County Government has a constitutional mandate under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) to provide and manage county health facilities, including mortuaries, and has the responsibility to ensure equitable access to health services across all sub-counties;

NOW THEREFORE THIS HOUSE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** THAT the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Health Services do immediately commission a feasibility study and site assessment for the construction and equipping of a mortuary at the referral and Sub-County Hospitals which lack these important facilities and present the findings to the County Assembly within ninety (90) days of the passage of this Motion;
- 2.** THAT the County Government of Lamu do allocate adequate budgetary provisions in the subsequent Financial Year Budget and the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the design, construction, and equipping of a fully functional mortuary facility at King Fahd referral hospital, Faza Sub-County Hospital, Witu Sub -County Hospital and Mokowe Sub -County Hospital, complete with cold storage units, post-mortem examination room, and related infrastructure;
- 3.** THAT the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services do develop and present to the County Assembly, within sixty (60) days of passage of this Motion, a comprehensive implementation plan detailing timelines, cost estimates, contractor procurement procedures, and staffing requirements for the establishment of the mortuary;
- 4.** THAT the County Government of Lamu do ensure that the proposed mortuary facility meets all standards prescribed under the Public Health Act (Cap. 242), the Kenya Health Policy 2014–2030, and any applicable national guidelines on mortuary services, including the provision of adequate refrigeration, sanitation, biosafety measures, and proper waste disposal systems;
- 5.** THAT the County Government of Lamu do engage the national government, development partners, county health funds, and any available conditional grants or donor funding to supplement county resources in financing this project, and report progress thereof to the County Assembly;

(HON. SHEKHUNA ABBASS)

2. SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT AND EQUIPPING OF FIRE STATIONS IN LAMU COUNTY

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

THAT, aware that fire outbreaks pose a significant risk to lives, property, and the environment in Lamu County;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the County currently faces inadequate fire response infrastructure, limited fire fighting equipment, and delayed emergency response services;

COGNIZANT THAT rapid urbanization, increased commercial activities, and use of flammable materials have heightened the risk of fire incidents across the County;

NOTING THAT the absence of well-equipped and strategically located fire stations has led to delayed response to fire emergencies, resulting in preventable loss of lives and destruction of property;

RECOGNIZING THAT establishment of modern fire stations, equipped with appropriate fire fighting equipment and trained personnel, would significantly enhance emergency response capacity and public safety;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT investment in fire and rescue services is a critical function of County Governments in ensuring disaster preparedness and management;

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Disaster Management, and Emergency Services establishes fully equipped fire stations in strategic locations across Lamu County;
2. The County Government procures modern fire fighting equipment, including fire engines, water bowsers, and protective gear, to enhance response capacity;
3. The Department recruits and trains adequate fire fighting personnel to ensure efficient and professional emergency response services;
4. The County Executive allocates sufficient funds in the annual budget for construction, equipping, staffing, and maintenance of the fire stations;

5. The Department develops and implements fire safety policies, guidelines, and response protocols;
6. The County Government conducts regular public awareness campaigns on fire prevention, safety measures, and emergency response procedures; and
7. The County Executive collaborates with national government agencies and other stakeholders to strengthen disaster preparedness and response mechanisms.

6.MOTION: FIRST READING OF THE LAMU COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION BILL, 2026**

“THAT, The Lamu County Environmental Health and Sanitation Bill, 2026 be now read a first time.

(Chairperson-Health Committee)

7.*MOTION : ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SILOS IN LAMU COUNTY**

Mr.. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion: -

THAT, aware that agriculture remains a key pillar of the economy of Lamu County and a primary source of livelihood for a majority of residents;

FURTHER AWARE THAT farmers in Lamu County frequently incur significant post-harvest losses due to lack of proper storage facilities, inadequate market access, and price fluctuations during peak harvesting seasons;

COGNIZANT THAT the absence of structured storage systems such as silos leads to distress sales by farmers at low prices, thereby discouraging agricultural productivity and reducing household incomes;

RECOGNIZING THAT establishment of modern storage facilities, including silos, would enable the County Government through the Department of Agriculture to purchase farm produce, store it safely, and release it strategically during periods of scarcity, thereby stabilizing prices and enhancing food security;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT such an initiative would promote value addition, reduce wastage, strengthen market systems, and improve farmers' bargaining power;

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture establishes agricultural silos in strategic locations across Lamu County;
2. The Department of Agriculture develops a framework for the purchase of farm produce from local farmers at fair and competitive prices;
3. The County Government allocates adequate funds in the annual budget for the construction, maintenance, and management of the silos;
4. The Department ensures proper management systems are put in place for storage, preservation, and timely release of produce to cushion residents against food shortages; and
5. The County Executive partners with relevant stakeholders, including national government agencies, private sector players, and development partners, to support the sustainability of the initiative.

(MCA BEATRICE WAMAITHA MUNG)

- 5. THE ASSEMBLY ROSE** – at four fifteen O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair
In the next sitting*