

Barton Community College Board Meeting

November 25, 2025

Welding Program Truck

Detail: The mobile welding rig will increase student learning by providing opportunities to practice welding outside of the shop setting. This hands-on experience allows students to apply their skills in real-world scenarios, giving them the experience of working on job sites instead of in a shop setting. Access to the mobile welding rig would allow students to travel to various locations in the community, expanding their knowledge and helping to build industry partnerships.

The mobile welding rig will be used to take the students to on- and off-campus projects, giving them valuable experience before entering the workforce. Additionally, we would be able to support campus facilities by completing welding repairs on site, instead of facility personnel bringing projects to the welding shop. By having the welding student's complete college projects, it would help the college save money by reducing the use of outside repair services, it would also give student priceless work experience.

The mobile welding rig would also serve as a recruitment tool for Barton's welding program. It could be taken to career fairs, parades, high schools, and other community events to attract prospective students and generate interest in the program.

Detailed specifications and requirements were sent out to the following vendors.

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Welding Truck bids			
Ehler Chevrolet	Hoisington	Chevrolet Siverado 3500 Crew	\$57,324.00
Flint Hills	Manhattan	RAM 3500 C&C	\$68,329.00
Lewis Automotive Group	Dodge City	Chevrolet Siverado 3500 Crew	\$59,878.00
Lewis Automotive Group	Dodge City	RAM 3500 C&C	\$62,859.95
Marmie Chevrolet	Great Bend	GMC Sierra 3500 Crew	\$63,900.00
Marmie Ford	Great Bend	F350 Crew C/C	\$65,813.00
Marmie Motors	Great Bend	RAM 3500 C&C	\$66,834.00
Morris Smith Ford	Larned		No Bid

The purchase of the Welding Truck, Truck Bed, and Equipment will be made with Perkins Reserve Grant Funds.

Recommendation – Approve the bid for the Ram 3500 C & C 2026 Truck from Marmie Motors.