

The Furnas building has housed our Automotive Technology and Auto Body Technology programs since they opened on campus. With the construction of the Automotive Careers Training Center, those two programs will relocate to a new 42,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility. The site of the new building was previously occupied by the Navy's locomotive maintenance round house. After the college took over the facility, the building served as the location for the diesel, heavy equipment and civil technology classes and was known as the Gosper Building. That building was 14,496 square feet in size and was equipped with heavy cranes. The building was demolished in the late 2000's.

Gosper county was one of the original seventeen counties which joined a petition put forth by Ken Wortman and others to form a technical training school at the site of the Naval Ammunition Depot which was soon to be decommissioned. After going through a process of approvals, the question on whether such a school should be formed was placed on the primary ballot on May 10, 1966. The residents of Gosper county voted 605-111 or 84.5% in favor of the question.

The Hastings campus has a tradition of naming its buildings after the counties in our service area. On April 8, 2026, Christopher Waddle presented the proposal of naming the new Automotive Careers Training Center as the Gosper building to the Gosper County Commissioners. The commissioners supported the proposal unanimously and offered their continued support of Central Community College.

In recognition of their longstanding support of the college, the College President recommends naming the new Automotive Careers Training Center as the Gosper Building on the Hastings campus.